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Hamas official to Hussein: Let's join in battle for J'lem

BILL HUTMAN

SHEIKH Jamil Hamami, a leading Hamas official, has contacted Faisal Hussein, in charge of PLO affairs in Jerusalem, and proposed coordinating efforts by the two groups towards exerting Palestinian control of eastern Jerusalem.

Hamami told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that he approached Hussein out of concern Israel is using the Jordanians to circumvent the Palestinians on the matter of Jerusalem.

Hamami, the director of the Society of Islamic Culture Committee in Jerusalem, is considered the ranking Hamas leader in Jerusalem and among the group's senior leaders in the territories. He was speaking in an interview at his office in the A-Ram neighborhood in northern Jerusalem.

The sheikh said that, while in general he opposes working with the PLO, the differences between the groups may be overlooked when it comes to the "struggle for Jerusalem."

Hussein, who is out of the country, could not be reached for comment.

According to Hamami, the PLO official said he agrees the two groups should work together in the Jerusalem issue.

"All Palestinians must join together and express their opposition to what has happened," Hamami, in reference to last week's Washington Declaration in which Israel and Jordan

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Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Labor faction head MK Ehud Barak attend Labor's political bureau meeting in Tel Aviv yesterday (Story, Page 12).

Ministers urge Rabin to brief Arafat on Jordan breakthrough

DAVID MAKOVSKY

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin should discuss Israel's Jordan breakthrough with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, a few cabinet members led by Police Minister Moshe Shalev said yesterday.

Shalev, backed by Meretz ministers, believes such a move would prevent a deterioration of ties with the PLO leader.

However, aides say Rabin has not done so, but did phone Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak yesterday to update him about the Washington declaration with Amman.

"We must remember that the accord with the PLO was the corridor that let us get to the Washington Declaration with Hussein."

Therefore, it is important to let the Palestinians understand that this step complements our peace process with the Palestinian people," Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban (Meretz) declared.

While Arafat has been publicly supportive of Israel-Jordan peace moves, privately he is believed to be fuming about how Israel en-

dorsed Jordan's "special role" in administering Moslem holy places.

The PLO leader's aides have publicly voiced anger about it. Palestinians have interpreted the declaration as Israel playing Jordan off against the PLO. Some Israeli officials have said privately the announcement of Jordan's ties to Moslem holy places was designated, in large part, to temper Palestinian claims to the city.

The cabinet yesterday unanimously adopted this week's Israel-Jordan Washington Declaration. It is scheduled to be brought to the Knesset next week, where it is expected to win broad passage.

Rabin is scheduled to brief opposition leaders today on the agreement with Jordan.

Meanwhile, U.S. Israel, and Jordanian trilateral talks on cooperation were taking place yesterday in Washington, Rabin told the cabinet.

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Bronfman: Menem gave Britain warning

'Argentinian head tipped off by Iranian dissident'

ARGENTINA gave Britain advance warning that it was a likely target for bomb blasts similar to the one that killed almost 100 people at a Jewish center in Buenos Aires on July 18, World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman told Reuters yesterday.

Britain yesterday denied that Argentina gave it advance warning.

"We had no advance warning," a Foreign Office spokesman said. London police and Prime Minister John Major's office also said they had received no intelligence information from the Argentinians.

Bronfman said Argentinian President Carlos Menem told him he had warned London. "Menem even phoned London to warn them," he said.

Bronfman said Menem told him that an Iranian dissident gave the tipoff when he was interviewed in Venezuela by Argentinian investigators in connection with the blast in Buenos Aires. "The Iranian who was in Venezuela had told [the Argentinians] it was going to happen in London," Bronfman said.

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"The president said that if what he suspected was true, then he would break relations with Iran," said Bronfman, visiting Argentina to give support to its shattered Jewish community.

The Argentinian Foreign Ministry this week summoned Iranian Ambassador Hadi Soleimannpour twice in two days to request his cooperation in the investigation of the bombing.

Lebanese newspapers led by the *Ad-Diyar* daily reported Argentina had requested the extradition of Hizbullah hardliner Sheikh Subhi Toufelli on suspicion of involvement in the blast.

Ad-Diyar said that Menem had made the request through diplomatic channels and had threatened to sever ties with Lebanon if the latter refused.

Toufelli, former secretary general of Hizbullah, is believed to be the leader of the shadowy Ansar Allah group which allegedly claimed responsibility for the bombing. But Toufelli denied any connection to the attack. "We have no direct or indirect links to what happened in Argentina," he told reporters at his

house in Baalbek.

However, Argentina denied reports it had requested Toufelli's extradition. Foreign Ministry spokesman Horacio Fuentes Rocha told Reuters no extradition papers had been presented to Lebanon for any member or former member of Hizbullah. "There has been no presentation to that effect," he said.

Britain and Argentina joined forces yesterday in calling for UN condemnation of "international terrorism."

The two want the UN Security Council to issue a statement "strongly condemning terrorism and emphasizing the need to strengthen international cooperation to combat it," a British official said.

UN Ambassador Gad Ya'acobi said he also expects the council to "declare all-out war" against terrorism when it convenes today.

Meanwhile, Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri yesterday put the country's emergency services on full alert for fear of a massive IDF operation in response to the bombings and Hizbullah's attacks in the security zone on Monday, in which a paratrooper officer was killed and 13

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Cabinet: Bombers can run but can't hide

DAVID MAKOVSKY

THE perpetrators of the Buenos Aires and London bombings can run but they cannot hide, the cabinet declared yesterday, pledging to do all it can to hunt down the killers.

"The government condemns the shedding of blood of peaceful citizens and declares that it will act and assist in capturing and punishing the criminals," the cabinet statement said.

While Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said he believed Iranian-backed militants in Lebanon are behind the attacks, it remains unclear if Israel knows this with

enough certainty to stage a reprisal.

Ministers complained in the meeting that the world community is not isolating Iran. In remarks to reporters on Wednesday, Rabin charged the Europeans and Japanese have failed to join US efforts to politically isolate Teheran.

After the cabinet meeting yesterday, Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer warned the perpetrators they should know that Israel could strike at them. Ben-Eliezer said Israel will "not just say thank you very much" for the

bombings, but rather Islamic militant groups should "take their lesson from what happened two months ago." He was apparently alluding to the kidnapping of Islamic militant Mustafa Durani and to the subsequent air strike on a Hizbullah training base, both in southern Lebanon.

Israel has put all of its embassies around the world on the highest alert. Meanwhile, at a prescheduled meeting of Israeli ambassadors to Europe held in Jerusalem yesterday, diplomats discussed security precautions.

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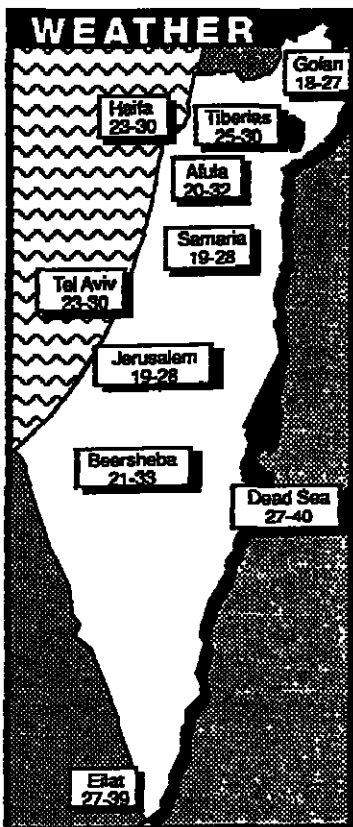
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Peres praises Syria for condemning bombings

DAVID MAKOVSKY and news agencies

FOREIGN Minister Shimon Peres kicked off a three-day official visit to Cyprus yesterday with a call for a new era of peace and economic cooperation in the Middle East.

Peres said Cyprus had a role to play as a focus for economic freedom and the exchange of ideas. "In this new Middle East, Cyprus can be an invitation to the rest of us," he told an invited audience of prominent Cypriots, diplomats and other guests at Nicosia's Hilton Hotel.

He said the peaceful if divided island, which has been on the fringe of Middle East conflicts for decades, could be "a Switzerland in an otherwise troubled Middle East."

It could be "a center of meetings, of trade, of exchange of ideas, of economic freedom," he added.

Earlier yesterday, Peres praised his Syrian counterpart for condemning anti-Israeli and anti-Jewish terrorist attacks.

"I appreciate very much the declaration by the Syrian foreign minister condemning the attack on our embassy and other Jewish institutions in London," Peres said.

"This is the first time that a Syrian official has taken a stand against terrorism," he told reporters at Larnaca airport.

During a visit to France this week, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Sharaa was asked about the twin bombings this month of the Israeli Embassy in London and Jewish institutions in the British and Argentine capitals.

"We never rejoice at killing and destruction as the Israeli settlers and some Israeli parties have rejoiced at the Hebron mosque massacre," he said.

Peres's comments came at the start of his visit to Cyprus, the first by an Israeli foreign minister to Cyprus.

Peres also welcomed as positive Syria's restrained reaction to the Israeli-Jordanian agreement signed in Washington earlier in the week.

"Syria did not react as angrily to our agreement with Jordan as they did against the agreement with the PLO and ourselves. It was a controlled and restrained reaction and I think it made the Jordanians and others feel relieved," he said.

Afterwards, Peres headed to the Presidential Palace for a meeting with Cypriot President Glafcos Clerides.

Clerides pledged a "new chapter" in relations with Israel, aides to Peres reported after the two met yesterday.

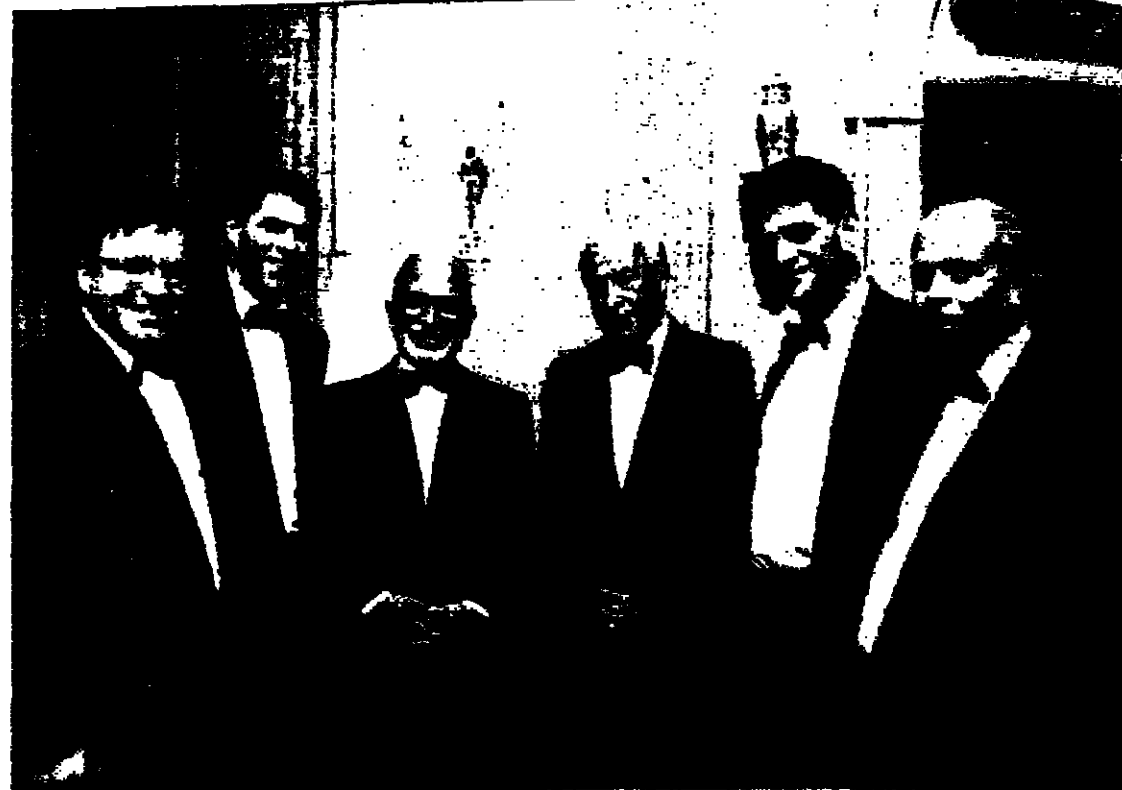
He also expressed condolences for the bombings in Buenos Aires and in London.

According to participants in the meeting, Clerides characterized the perpetrators as "best upon sabotaging peace" in the Middle East.

Security is tight in Cyprus, given recent events and the history of Cyprus as a focal point for Israeli-Palestinian violence. Peres met with Israeli Embassy employees in Cyprus yesterday, and discussed the security situation.

A focal point of Peres's trip is economic cooperation between the two countries. Peres underscored the point by bringing with him five leading Israeli industrialists, who met with senior Cypriot officials and with Clerides himself last night.

During Peres's stay, he is expected to sign agricultural and cultural agreements with his Cypriot counterpart.



At the Washington banquet, from left: 'Ma'ariv' chairman and editor Ofer Nissim, 'Jerusalem Post' editor-in-chief Arnon Mozes, King Hussein, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, 'Jerusalem Post' president and publisher Yehuda Levy, and 'Yedioth' editor Melech Vardi.

A day for euphoria

EYEWITNESS
WASHINGTON

TWO things made the Washington ceremonies unique: the friendliness and warmth radiated by almost all the Jordanians, especially King Hussein and Queen Noor; and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's refreshingly confident and moving appearance.

It was President Bill Clinton, our host at the banquet, who introduced me to King Hussein. The king, warmly grasping my hand with both his hands, told me of his familiarity with *The Jerusalem Post* and expressed the hope that we meet again.

His friendliness made me feel I was shaking the hand of an old neighbor, who for some reason couldn't reveal his friendship until that moment. On the previous day, Queen Noor told me she reads *The Jerusalem Post* every morning. I cannot say I was displeased.

Talking to some of the Jordanian officials, I sensed the same friendship and warmth. I had to conclude that these people knew that their leader had changed direction and decided to embark on the road to peace.

Some may have qualms or reservations. Like us, they may worry about the price they will have to pay for a peace treaty. But they let me feel immediately that they talk to us as a partner in building a new relationship, a new era.

The 36 hours of euphoria in Washington reached a peak with Rabin's appearance before the joint meeting of the US Congress.

He spoke of 12 Israelis, some of whom are my personal friends, who were there at his invitation as symbols of Israel's 46 years of struggle. Like many others, I had tears in my eyes when he mentioned the 12 names and described their agonized past.

They stood up, and the entire house burst into prolonged, ear-shattering applause. We were overwhelmed, our hearts bursting with emotion. It seemed they were applauding not just the 12, but the entire nation of Israel.

Secretary of State Warren

Christopher later told me that he and others did not remember as moving and impressive an appearance by a foreign leader before Congress as that of Rabin.

Many were tears of joy and pride. Our prime minister was the focus of one of the most exciting world events of our time. And, as he mentioned, little Israel is simultaneously involved in Argentina, where an IDF unit was trying to rescue victims of terrorism, thus stressing again the strong bond between Israel and world Jewry; the same army is fighting terrorism in south Lebanon; and it is involved in an exceptional humanitarian operation in Rwanda. No other nation is setting such an example.

Euphorias may be deceptive. And, as Rabin has stressed on several occasions, the task is incomplete and the issues are daunting. But the momentum of the Washington events - for which there is broad support in Israel - is undeniable. And we have to hope that Rabin will know how to translate it, not only into a peace treaty with Jordan, but a reconciliation at home.

YEHUDA LEVY

Christopher: Iran behind attacks

HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON

HIZBULLAH, with the assistance of Iran, was likely responsible for the recent Buenos Aires and London bombings, US Secretary of State Warren Christopher said yesterday.

Without providing the basis for his charge, Christopher said he "lay [the bombings] in many respects at the door of Iran."

Speaking before the House foreign affairs committee, Christopher also lashed out at Western countries whose extensive commercial dealings with Iran, he said, enable its funding of terror groups. "I am very distressed that some of our allies are among those that, at least in my judgment, did not recognize the full responsibility of Iran for the Hizbullah attacks around the world."

"I feel Iran is the principal culprit in this situation and they need to be identified and they need to

be both tamed and restrained in what they're doing," Christopher said.

"Groups like Hizbullah that wreak havoc and bloodshed must be defeated, and Hizbullah's patron, Iran, must be contained," he added. "The horrible events of the past week are a clarion call for the international community, including some of our key allies and friends."

The US has sent top forensic experts to Latin America to help investigate the bombing of the Jewish community center in Buenos Aires and the suspicious airplane crash in Panama that killed more than 15 Israeli and Jewish businessmen.

Christopher also announced that the State Department's

counter-terrorism coordinator is working with Latin American countries to help prevent such acts in the future.

Iran, meanwhile, yesterday accused Israel of staging the explosions in London and Buenos Aires and said such attacks were likely to spread to other European capitals. State-run Teheran radio said Israel had staged the bomb attacks and pinned the blame on Iran in order to intensify international pressure on Teheran and Islamic movements inspired by it.

It said the perpetrators "will probably spread the explosions to other European capitals so that they can extract maximum benefit from them against Islam, Islamic movements and the Islamic Republic of Iran."

Britain and Argentina, once enemies, yesterday joined forces in calling for UN condemnation of "international terrorism."

At the United Nations, Israeli Ambassador Gad Ya'acobi conferred Wednesday with Security Council President Jamsheed Marker of Pakistan and said later he expected the council to "declare all-out war" against terrorism.

Amal: We attacked IDF, SLA in security zone

DAVID RUDGE

THE Amal Shi'ite movement yesterday claimed responsibility for separate attacks on IDF and South Lebanese Army targets in the security zone late on Wednesday night, as tension in the region remained high.

There were no casualties among the IDF or SLA troops in either of the incidents, although reports

from Lebanon said IDF and SLA gunners also shelled suspected terrorist targets north of the zone in response to the attacks.

The incidents broke an uneasy calm that has prevailed in the region since Monday's attacks by Hizbullah gunmen on IDF and SLA targets in which a paratrooper officer was killed and 13 other

IDF soldiers were wounded.

One of those wounded, a Givati Brigade officer, remains in critical but stable condition in Ehud's Rambam Hospital after surgery for serious head wounds.

In another development, Col. Giora Inbar yesterday officially took over as the new head of the IDF's Lebanese Liaison Unit and was promoted to the rank of brigadier-general.

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Palestinian Police ban pro-Jordanian paper from Gaza

IN the first major incident of press censorship in the autonomous areas, Palestinian Police yesterday banned distribution of a pro-Jordanian daily in the Gaza Strip.

They turned away hundreds of copies of *An-Nahar*, published in Jerusalem, at the Erez crossing point. The official reason they gave is that its distribution license had expired.

However, the move came after the newspaper failed to highlight PLO leader Yasser Arafat's objections to a segment of the Israel-Jordan declaration dealing with Jerusalem, and even published articles praising the Hussein-Rabin meeting.

Palestinians were upset over a clause in the agreement giving Jordan a role in administering

LIAT COLLINS and news agencies

Islamic holy sites in Jerusalem. They worry this could undermine Palestinian aims to gain control over part of Jerusalem from Israel.

An-Nahar's publisher and editor, Othman Hallak, would not comment on the ban, which may be lifted tomorrow.

In a meeting with Palestinian journalists earlier this month, Arafat urged them to censor themselves and act in "Palestine's interest."

Arafat promised to respect freedom of expression but warned he wouldn't permit the Palestinian press to be "fed by imported ideas... or bought by Arab, Western or Asian countries."

An-Nahar has traditionally taken an anti-

PLO line with articles condemning stone throwing and other intifada activities. In 1990 a print worker at the paper added a curse meaning "the hell with the lot of them" to the end of a list of PLO detainees. He was later fired. During the recent negotiations with the PLO the daily was highly critical of Arafat and his advisers.

The measure drew protests from Hanaa Ashrawi, the former peace delegation spokeswoman who now heads a Palestinian civil rights commission.

"We cannot accept a collective punitive measure that suppresses publication or distribution of a paper," Ashrawi said in a telephone interview to AP. "Freedom of expression and the press must be respected."

Jordan, PLO resolve differences over J'lem at Arab League

PLO, Israel solve education, health problems

CAIRO - The PLO and Israel have finished draft agreements on turning over responsibility for education and health to Palestinians throughout the West Bank, negotiators from both sides said yesterday.

However, after a third round of talks on "early empowerment" for the territories, the two sides failed to reach an agreement on budget arrangements for the authorities that would be transferred to the Palestinians.

Chief Israeli negotiator Maj.-Gen. Danny Rothchild said the drafts on education and health would be turned over to leaders of Israel and the PLO.

"The main problems are budgetary issues - direct taxation and basically how to finance the five spheres which are going to be transferred to the Palestinians," he said. "We have to deal next week with the taxation, budget issue, tourism and social welfare so there is still a bit of work that

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needs to be done," he said. Rothchild said that of the five spheres, education and health were expensive because of the large manpower involved and the need to pay salaries as soon as the Palestinian Authority takes over.

"The question is how to finance it," he said.

He said the reason taxation was added to the other four spheres was to cover part of the education and health expenses.

"Our problem is that at the moment even that part cannot be implemented by the Palestinians because they don't have a system of tax collection," said Rothchild said.

"What we are stuck on now is an interim financing mechanism which will enable them to execute the five spheres," he said.

Rothchild said both sides were discussing how to tackle the fi-

nancing and the taxation control.

He said Israel could not be expected to carry on with the taxation responsibilities for a while even if the Palestinians wanted it to do so.

"I'm not sure we will be able to do it because then we will remain the bad guys and they will enjoy the powers. It won't work if one side will have the authority and the other will have the responsibility," he added.

Rothchild said the Palestinians were keen to take over immediately but they should be cautious because they would have to assume costly responsibilities.

Nabil Shaath, the PLO's chief negotiator to the talks, said he hoped agreement could be reached next week on the budget.

Shaath denied, meanwhile, Israeli Radio reports that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO leader Yasser Arafat had agreed that Jenin be the next Palestinian autonomous region.

NEWS IN BRIEF

IDF: Palestinian policeman killed Attias

An IDF investigation has determined that a Palestinian policeman fired the shot that killed border policeman Jacques Attias during riots by Arab workers at the Erez checkpoint, military sources said yesterday.

A Palestinian Police spokesman said he would check the report before commenting. The IDF has demanded Palestinian policemen who fired on Israeli forces be put on trial.

Palestinian policewomen get boss

The first Palestinian woman terrorist jailed by Israel after the Six Day War has returned to Jericho to take charge of Palestinian policewomen, Palestinian officials said yesterday.

Fatmah Birnawi, appointed by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to establish and command the Palestinian women's police force, crossed into Jericho from Jordan on Tuesday, they said.

Birnawi was sentenced to two life terms in October 1967 for bombing a cinema in Jerusalem. She was released in a prisoner exchange in 1977 and had been living abroad since.

Syrian press: Gradual peace 'far-fetched'

Syria's official media yesterday said partial and phased settlements will never be a "substitute" for a just and comprehensive peace.

In an indirect reference to the Jordanian-Israeli Washington Declaration, *Al-Baath*, mouthpiece of the ruling Arab Socialist Baath Party, said: "It is not important to make luxurious festivals and to shake hands between the foes of yesterday, the important thing is to sign agreements of genuine peace that may lay foundations for a just and comprehensive peace, which the whole world is looking for." AP

PLO: No elections until mid-December

The PLO said yesterday the earliest date for Palestinian elections in the territories is now mid-December, five months later than first scheduled.

The PLO said Israel is responsible for the postponement. But Palestinian critics said the PLO and its leader Yasser Arafat were also to blame for conniving to delay the elections. Reuters

Rabin updates Olmert on Jordan moves

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday updated Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert on the agreement with Jordan as it yithans to the capital. Rabin reiterated the government is willing to grant religious but not political rights in the capital to the Arabs, and preferably to the Jordanians, a city spokesman said.

Motorist saved from Ramallah mob

A JEWISH motorist was rescued from a stone-throwing mob in Ramallah yesterday by an Arab shopkeeper and several local residents, who sheltered him while he summoned the Border Police.

A Border Police unit arrived within minutes and extracted the motorist under a hail of stones, during which one border policeman was lightly wounded by a stone in the leg. A curfew was placed on the area of the incident.

The motorist had apparently made a wrong turn at the entrance to the town and was attacked by several dozen stone-throwing youths near the main square. He fled from his car and ran into a nearby store, whose shopkeeper and several patrons prevented the youths from entering.

The man called the Border Police on his cellular phone, but by the time officers arrived his car had been torched and totally destroyed.

A similar incident occurred last week, when a motorist from the settlement of Talmon took a wrong turn and was stoned in the center of Ramallah. Two Arab residents rescued the man and escorted him to the police station. (Itim)

Bomb neutralized near IDF post in Hebron

A POWERFUL bomb was discovered yesterday afternoon near an IDF observation point in Hebron, next to the Machpela Cave.

Soldiers conducting routine searches around the post found the bomb and alerted police snipers, who detonated the bomb without incident. Israel Radio said the bomb had been timed to go off during the changing of the guard at the cave. (Itim)

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Return to reality

THE return to the mundane issues of domestic politics cannot be easy for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. After being at the center of world attention, basking in the praise of the mighty, and enjoying the heady euphoria of the Washington ceremonies, he now has to worry about the eligibility of two petty politicians for ministerial positions. It must seem like an insult.

But it is one of the great virtues of democracies that they humble their leaders. And it will benefit both Israeli democracy and Rabin himself if he views the challenges facing his government not through euphoric lenses and haughty impatience, but with uncompromising realism and humility.

That Rabin wants to broaden his coalition is not only understandable but commendable. A larger representation of the popular will can afford him greater freedom both in the Knesset and in negotiations with Israel's neighbors. But to defy the law and the norms of good government to achieve this purpose is to legitimate moral corruption.

The High Court of Justice has declared that under existing law the Y'ud faction is ineligible to join the government. The Labor party wants to solve the problem by changing the law. But if Rabin wishes to keep the country's confidence, he must resist this temptation to circumvent the will of the court. Laws are not made to be changed for political expediency. Nor is this law faulty in any way. It is intended to prevent the political bribery of politicians, and the ministerial pay-off to the Y'ud faction is political bribery of the most flagrant kind.

The deal Rabin has made with Shas is even more disturbing. Fearing the High Court would annul parts of his coalition agreement with Shas because of their questionable legality, Shas has persuaded Rabin to sign an unprecedented clause. It commits the Labor party to pass legislation which would overturn such court decisions.

The agreement not only mocks the authority of the court, but makes a travesty of the role of the Knesset. Instead of being a house of representatives whose function is to legislate for the benefit of the people, it will become an extra-legal court of appeal, in which a party representing five percent of the population can repeal court rulings it does not like.

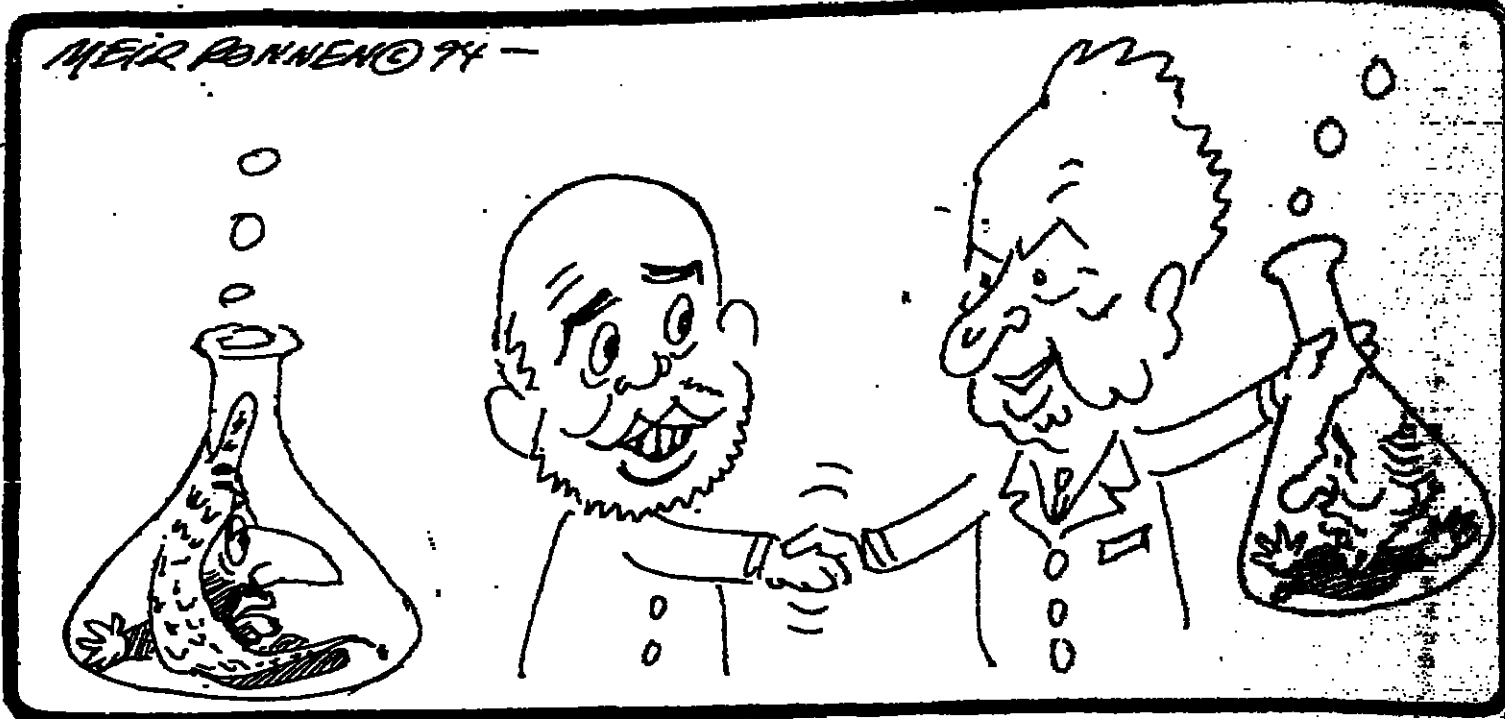
But the most worrisome consequence of the Washington celebrations may prove to be on the "peace" front rather than in the domestic arena. Rabin may mistake the broad consensus for the agreement with Jordan for popular approval of his policies in general. If the leak from the foreign ministry published in the Hebrew daily *Ha'aretz* yesterday is accurate - and there has been no denial of its authenticity from the Prime Minister's Office - then Rabin has already conceded the whole Golan to Syria. The only matters left open to negotiation are the details of timing and some of the security arrangements.

The government apparently intends to conclude the agreement as quickly as possible, then submit it to a referendum as an accomplished fact. The present negotiations through Secretary of State Warren Christopher's shuttle diplomacy aim at persuading Syria to sign a peace treaty in exchange for Israeli retreat from the Golan and south Lebanon alone, without insisting on total Israeli withdrawal from all areas won in 1967.

These include not only the eastern part of Jerusalem, but strips of land occupied by Syria in the War of Independence on Israel's side of the international border and retrieved by Israel in the Six Day War. The government also wants Syria to begin the process of diplomatic recognition and normalization according to the formula of the peace treaty with Egypt: before the withdrawal is completed and before the Israeli towns and villages on the Golan are removed.

Unlike the budding agreement with Jordan, which entails only relatively minor territorial concessions, the planned agreement with Syria will make a fateful change in Israel's strategic position. Relinquishing the Golan to the most ruthless, dangerous and heavily-armed dictatorship in the Middle East is comparable neither to ceding a strip in the Arava to the Hashemite kingdom nor to returning the Sinai desert to Egypt.

To make this move without the support of a solid parliamentary majority is to invite a disastrous internal conflict. It must be hoped that the morale-boosting Washington experience has not blinded Rabin to the need to achieve such a majority - something he can do only by calling an early election.



Hafez Assad tests the waters

MOSHE ZAK

IT wouldn't be surprising if, immediately after returning home from Washington, King Hussein flew to Damascus for a brief visit with President Assad. Even though the king was visibly carried away by the spirit of enthusiasm on the White House lawn, he will, nevertheless, do everything he can to avoid a major break with Syria.

In spring 1987, after his London Agreement with Foreign Minister Peres, off Hussein went to Damascus. And newly uncovered evidence reveals that that agreement was not arrived at in the face of Syrian opposition, but on Syrian recommendation.

Then, Assad allowed Hussein to come to an agreement with Peres in the hope of breaking down Israel's resistance to the international conference stipulated by the London Agreement.

Now, Assad is no longer interested in conferences: he wants something tangible. He is trying to replenish his military arsenal with American weapons. He wants to be taken off the list of states supporting terrorism so he can get American assistance. And the Syrian leader sees King Hussein as a test case for how much he can extract from Washington.

Assad's sees his negotiations with Israel as being of only secondary importance. He may discuss the Golan Heights with Secretary of State Warren Christopher, but his emphasis is on the strategic change he desires in Syrian-US relations.

Though the regime refrained from denouncing Hussein for his move, the Syrian media, as expected, objected to this week's Washington Declaration. The Syrian media criticism served a warning to Hussein that he must not go further in his agreements with Israel, and signaled Washington that without a rapprochement between Washington and Damascus, even this week's agreements won't last.

THE JORDANIAN king believes that his personal charm - which he demonstrated this week in Washington - can succeed in getting US benefits for Syria. All along, Assad has been concerned about separating negotiations between Israel and each of its neighbors. But now his reaction is restrained by his hopes of getting what he wants from the US.

Assad isn't concerned that he will find himself isolated, facing

He is using King Hussein to see how much he can extract from Washington

Israel, in the Arab arena. He is convinced that Hussein won't abandon him. After all, back in October 1985, Hussein could have acquired a great deal of American weaponry by voicing the single sentence ending the state of war.

What he failed to do then, standing next to President Reagan, he did only this week in the presence of President Clinton. Assad was the one who inhibited Hussein from ending the state of war with Israel nine years ago.

Hussein wanted to end the long period of undermining and terrorism between the two Arab countries. In November that year, he

took the surprising and unprecedented step of publishing a personal message to Assad, in which he apologized for the misunderstandings between the two leaders, and asked for Assad's forgiveness.

This doesn't mean Assad will allow Hussein to go all the way alone. The situation is not a static one. Mounting tensions could undermine the effective declarations about peace.

Hussein may be forced by events to make all sorts of additional declarations which won't please us. He'll have to make them to balance his proclamations in Washington.

But they won't cancel the Washington Declaration. It has historic significance not just because of the end of the state of war, but, especially, because of the peace in Jerusalem.

Regarding Israel's granting preference to Jordan as custodian of Islamic holy sites in our capital, we must look at the other side of the coin. Hussein's agreeing to our, according him such priority means, a recognition of our authority to grant it.

That is what is vital.

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on current affairs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LESSON OF BUENOS AIRES

Sir, - Once more it became clear after President Ezer Weizman's recent controversial address to the leaders of world Jewry: not all Jews are Zionists, and not all Zionists want to come to Israel.

Once more, however, another thing has also become clear: the Buenos Aires bomb attack proved that whether Jews like it or not, they are identified with Israel, and the achievement of true peace in the Middle East is an existential interest also of Jewish Diaspora communities.

BEATE ZILVERSMIDT
Tel Aviv.

NO PIPE-DREAM

Sir, - R. Abi's attack on me (Letters, J.P., July 26) is not only based on a misleading partial quotation; it is totally irrelevant to the content of my article "Slanders right and left."

I wrote: "Israel solemnly undertook...to guarantee freedom of worship for all..." This is a fact, not a "pipe-dream." Israel did so undertake. I did not discuss to what extent this undertaking has been carried out; I only pointed out that it obligates us to allow Yasser Arafat, as well as any other Moslem, to pray in the mosques on the Temple Mount (although the government may determine the timing in the light of security considerations).

MISHA LOUVISH
Jerusalem.

PROFESSIONAL THEATER

Sir, - We would like to publicly thank the Cameri Theater for making professional theater available to those of us in Israel who cannot understand Hebrew well enough to enjoy a play in that language. This, of course, is through the instantaneous translation into English which is available every Tuesday evening.

The English-speaking actors did a wonderful job and opened a whole new avenue of entertainment to us.

Would that some of the other Hebrew-language theaters did the same. BUNNY and JOEL WECHSLER
Ra'anana.

NEEDED: MINISTRY OF INFORMATION

Sir, - It surprised me that nobody (to my knowledge) has publicly put his finger on what really caused the Oslo bombshell, and in turn created the bitter confrontations within Israel ever since. That some sort of understanding with the Palestinian Arabs had to be reached was obvious, and I personally fully back the government in its decision - if not always in the way it deals with the details.

What happened is what I would simply call the failure of Zionism. Ever since the 1967 aggression against it, Israel had been in a position to place a sufficient number of Jewish settlers inside the "West Bank" in order to create the kind of Jewish preponderance that would have stifled any Arab nationalist stirrings. But instead of the necessary millions, what Israel could count with after all these years was a measly 130,000 souls - a drop in the bucket. On top of this, due to its practically invisible information effort, allowed the PLO lies to catch a worldwide audience which convinced everybody over the years that there was a downtrodden Palestine nation with a glorious past, stretching back thousands of years, which had been heinously oppressed against by a brutal Israel. Then, under the government of the time, the intifada sprang up which could not be overcome, and which served to reinforce the PLO information effort - again without a visible Israeli counter-effort.

Israel will never again get the chance it had in 1967 to make the historical Israel beyond the Green Line of 1948 Jewish again. The original tiny population of 1948 has today

blossomed into some four million, but instead of settling in Galilee, the Negev and the "West Bank," people mostly found their way to greater Tel Aviv area and Jerusalem.

Is it any wonder, under these circumstances, that Israel had to seek an understanding before the situation deteriorated beyond control? The ones who had to pay the price were of course all the murdered innocents and their loved ones, and the poor settlers. In their desperation, it is no wonder that they tried to compensate for the lack of numbers by violence. What they don't seem to perceive is that this can only make things worse, that they are fighting windmills and that they have no choice but to buckle under and try to get the best conditions possible - instead of going against a historical trend.

It is obvious that Israel is no longer in the same position it was before, and that it will constantly have to beware of the successful PLO autonomy next to it, an entity which can do no wrong in the eyes of the world. More than ever before, Israel will have to exert strenuous efforts to explain its positions, and to counter the ever-growing pernicious Arab propaganda against it. If there would have been a strong ministry of information, things might very well have turned out quite differently, and it remains a riddle how every government for all these years has turned a deaf ear to this. The PLO deal has made the necessity of doing so now more vital than ever before.

MAURICE A. HARTOG
Haifa.

MONSTROUS MISTAKE

Sir, - We totally endorse G.L. Goldman's letter, "The right to own a car" (July 12). He cited: (a) the ever-increasing highway accident rate; (b) the self-defeating character of such roads, built to alleviate traffic but inevitably becoming bumper-to-bumper, gas-guzzling treadmills themselves; (c) the ecological disaster to the land of inflicting on it such a long, wide concrete gash, accompanied by a correspondingly large amount of air pollution; (d) in contrast to the above, the safety, efficiency, ecological soundness, energy con-

servation and uncramped comfort of rail travel.

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Sleeping dogs ought to be left to lie

YOSEF GOELL

PRIME Minister Rabin returned from his triumph in Washington this week to a domestic political scene that threatens the stability of his shaky coalition government and his chances of reelection in 1996.

Nearly all real coalition crises in the history of this country have been caused by the secular-religious schism, a permanent leitmotif of Israeli politics. This time was no different.

Meretz, Rabin's 12-seat-strong coalition partner, has risen up in revolt against the agreement that Rabin's man, Rafi Edri, engineered with Shas to buy its return to the coalition. So have a number of Labor MKs, and at least one cabinet minister, Justice Minister David Liba'i. His strained relations with the premier put him in a position of not having much to lose by opposing him.

At issue is Rabin's commitment to Shas that Labor and the entire coalition will pass legislation meant to immunize existing religious laws which fly in the face of the Basic Laws, the Dignity of Man and Freedom of Occupation.

The coalition would also ensure passage of legislation restoring and entrenching any aspects of the status quo on religious matters that have been eroded over time.

An example of what Rabin and Edri and Shas's Rabbi Ovadia Yosef and Aryeh Deri had in mind occurred earlier this year.

In October 1993, the High Court ruled that the government was not empowered to ban the import of non-kosher meat, since that impinged on the terms of the Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation.

Following that ruling, and even though Shas had quit the coalition months earlier, Rabin went to extreme lengths to force his party - and Meretz - to agree to circumvent the High Court. He pushed through an amend-

ment to the Basic Law which made it possible to restore the limitation on meat import by a 61-majority vote, which the Knesset then proceeded to do.

The proposed agreement with Shas would widen that precedent across the board to nearly all issues of the religious status quo.

In Christian or Moslem societies, the modern secular challenge to the traditional power of orga-

nized religion over the past two centuries has often been marked by extreme physical violence. In comparison, there has been a minimum of violence surrounding Israel's secular-religious rift.

A few stones have been thrown by haredim on Jerusalem's roads and at archeological digs. But violence has been largely of the verbal sort.

The authorities have been able to control basically antagonistic forces and beliefs only because political leaders from both camps have resorted to a strategy of constructive hypocrisy and intentional ambiguity.

This usually meant agreeing to one thing and then each side doing the opposite; or passing legislation and then purposely failing to implement it - like in 1978, when Menachem Begin forced his Likud to give in to Agudat Yisrael on tightening up the abortion law. Nothing actually changed in the ensuing 16 years.

It is a messy system. But it prevents the confrontation from descending into ferocious violence.

The very term "status quo" applied to religious issues is a ludicrous misnomer.

The term originally referred to promises in four specific areas of religious interest made to the haredi Agudat Yisrael in 1947, to ensure that the anti-Zionist party didn't oppose the Yishuv's demand for the establishment of a Jewish state in a partitioned Palestine.

In coalition agreements with Labor and later the Likud, first with the National Religious Party and in recent years with Aguda and Shas, it was extended to many other areas.

The different camps pushed and pulled that status quo every which way. It couldn't be otherwise in an Israel that was the fastest-growing society in the changing world of the last half century.

Thus, on the secular side of the ledger, buses today run on Shabbat in many parts of the country. Sin City on the Mediterranean is wide open on Friday evenings and Shabbat, and there are even movies in the Holy City on Sabbath eve.

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on current affairs.

The secular courts have made sharp inroads into the powers of the rabbinical courts.

On the religious side of the ledger, El Al has been forbidden to fly on Shabbat; archeological digs have been seriously curtailed, and gigantic state budgets obtained by fund openly anti-Zionist, and democratic and anti-modern haredi education.

Each camp hates the victories of the other; but the system works because it is so informal.

The current proposal to pass legislation entrenching aspects of the status quo on religion will eliminate the intended vagueness of the tradeoffs which enabled co-existence. Such a move is fraught with danger; it will, in all likelihood, only invite greater secular-religious friction, possibly even violence.

The very terms "status quo" and "religious legislation" are so vague that legislation incorporating them will, most likely, not even stand up in court.

Earlier this year, Rabin demonstrated his political obtuseness when he misread the mood of an new generation, bowed to the old Haredim oligarchs and dumped his minister of health, Haim Ramon, and the health reform bill he had earlier pushed.

Rabin's growing disregard for the democratic limits to the power of the premier and his extreme political cynicism in the coalition-building game may well affect his hitherto unchallenged leadership within his party.

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on current affairs.

POSTSCRIPTS

LUCK AND accidents are the parents of some of mankind's most successful inventions.

British author Geoff Tibbals's book *The Guinness Book of Innovations* reveals such gems as the brainwave that gave us the microwave oven.

An engineer found he could warm his hands on cold days in front of the beams used in radar systems. But it was not until a candy melted in his pocket that he realized the cooking potential of his discovery.

Another invention, Velcro, was devised by a Swiss man who noticed that burrs stuck to his trousers and his dog's ears while he was out hunting.

Superglue was discovered by accident when American scientists at Eastman Kodak found they could not place two prisms apart after an experiment.

Correction fluid was invented by the mother of Monkees' pop group member Michael Nesmith. Bette Nesmith applied for a job as a secretary without being able to type. Rather than lose her job, she decided to copy signwriters who painted over their mistakes and began taking white paint and a paintbrush to work.

Some of the first demonstrations of these innovations were less than inspiring. Percy Spencer, the inventor of microwave ovens, spattered the

members of the board of US radar company Raytheon when he demonstrated his discovery. An egg he had placed in front of a series of microwaves exploded, but the board told him to carry on working on it.

What all these innovations do have in common is that they succeeded. In a small section at the back of the book, Tibbals includes a few which did not.

The moustache guard designed to keep food out of facial hair was not the success its inventor Thomas Perry hoped in 1901.

The device patented by a Seattle man in 1960 to allow people to look inside their own ears has not yet become a mass seller.

WHAT DO you suppose a company called Civilized People Make Beds Inc. would be making a living from?

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Rabin's chance to join the club

ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

THERE should be new elections — not because progress in the peace process requires it, but because it permits it. Labor has all the mandate it needs to get on with the work ahead. Now Yitzhak Rabin needs the personal mandate that will resist from direct elections for the premiership.

Rabin has done exactly what he was elected to do: work for a peace agreement based on the principle of territorial compromise. The deal with the PLO unfroze the glacial patterns of conflict in the Middle East. This week, at the White House, the movement toward a comprehensive settlement gained momentum.

If ever there was a moment of national consensus, this is it. There was no better symbol of national resolve than the role played by Elyakim Rubinstein. Under Yitzhak Shamir, he conducted the negotiations with the Jordanian and Palestinian delegations in Washington. Today, under Rabin, he has brought the work on the Jordanian track to fruition.

The old ideological barriers are dissolving. The issues now are feasibility and utility. They are ceasing to be matters of faith. As the process continues, the professionals, not the politicians, will come increasingly to the fore.

For all the heat that allegiance to a political creed continues to generate, new elections won't tear the nation apart. This, in itself, is perhaps the greatest achievement of the present government. Perhaps elections could even bring us closer together.

In the internal workings of the Rabin government, the major problem isn't ideology. It's authority. This is manifest both in relations within the Labor Party and within the coalition.

What sort of crisis can advance the date of Knesset elections?

"Ideology per se has rarely been

need for put-downs. On Peres's side is the loser's pique that has a way of coming through at the wrong time.

Observers of Peres's ill-concealed dejection in Washington this week should recall that, at the time of the Arafat agreement last fall, Peres was reportedly about to

the coalition front, the other major challenge to Rabin's authority. As the need for a majority coalition diminishes, so does the bargaining power of the coalition partners.

A coalition agreement is a deal. Rabin is dead right, in his obstreperous way. There is certainly nothing new in a commitment to maintain the status quo in matters of religion. The rule of law and the rule of lawyers are not synonymous.

Also, there is a good deal of questionable constitutional doctrine being passed around these days as though it was holy writ. One of the advantages of our constitutional system was always supposed to be the authority of the Knesset to set aside court decisions on fundamental issues. This was a mandate for judicial activism, according to Justice Aharon Barak. He applauded the freedom this granted the court, whose handiwork could be corrected if found unacceptable, without the excessive delay that a rigid constitutional framework required.

Why does it challenge the rule of law to put this insight to work as a device to preserve the only constitutional arrangement with regard to the status of religion we have ever had?

If popularly elected, Rabin will have a better chance of getting along with his rivals within the Labor camp, with his coalition partners, and — not least — with the rule of law.

The writer is a legal and political commentator.

The PM needs the personal mandate direct elections will give him

directly involved," notes Prof. Daniel Shimsheon in his seminal work *Israeli Democracy: The Middle of the Journey*, "and then mostly as an adjunct or rationale for questions more related to authority." These include collective responsibility and cabinet and party discipline.

IN ORDER to continue running the show effectively, Rabin requires a reaffirmation of his personal authority. His problems within his own party are legion. Personal friction with Shimon Peres has not, to date, impeded effective cooperation in furthering the peace process, but the dangers are obvious.

Rabin's intemperate venting of spleen contains all the signs of the congenial outsider to the political process. A leader who knows he is No. 1 doesn't have a compulsive

cancel his participation in the White House ceremony because Rabin's decision to go to Washington was announced without his prior knowledge.

Similarly, Rabin's belittling of Peres's role in the Jordanian deal had, as its antecedent, the attack on Rabin's leadership in the peace process at the time of the Arafat ceremony, by Prof. Ze'ev Sternhell, a prominent member of Labor's dovish Mashov circle.

With the next Knesset elections, the prime minister will be elected directly by the people. This personal mandate is what the Rabin outsider syndrome needs. The Kissinger axiom that only a strong Israel can make peace has a parallel in domestic politics. Only a strong leader can get along with his rivals.

The shot in the arm given by direct elections would also help on



Kindly hosts to Hamas

DANNY BEN-MOSHE

LONDON is home to a number of leading Hamas members, including a key figure of its military wing.

Several times, Israel has informally asked Britain and the U.S. the two main bases for Hamas operations outside the Middle East, to place restrictions on Hamas operations.

The Americans agreed. But the British have declined to take action against Hamas.

Earlier this year, at the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies, a Hamas spokesman called for jihad not only against the Israelis, but also against the Jews. The speaker and his movement continue to operate unhindered in Britain.

Hamas spokesmen circulate their literature throughout British universities, where they receive funding and raise money freely. The Hamas journal *Muslim Palestine* is published in and distributed from Manchester. Funds are raised under the auspices of local Islamic organizations, then transferred to Hamas operatives in the Middle East planning attacks against Israeli targets.

British officials argue that it is difficult to prevent such activity when money is raised for "charitable purposes."

No one has yet claimed responsibility for the London bombings. But they weren't one-man operations.

The Israeli embassy is located along a strip of embassies in a

private road opposite Kensington Palace. With security guards at the two entrances, this is one of the most carefully guarded areas in London.

Balfour House was bombed on Wednesday. Like the Jewish com-

After the bombings, will London shake off its complacency and ban Islamic fundamentalist groups?

munity building in Buenos Aires, it houses a number of Jewish organizations and Jewish Agency emissaries. It is also a resource center for Jewish youth movements.

UNLIKE THE Israeli embassy, it is located on a public street in suburban North London. Balfour House does have an extensive security system, which would make it very difficult for an intruder to enter the building or park a suspicious vehicle outside during the day. This may be why the terrorists chose to strike at night.

There are two other main Jewish communal buildings in London. I was warden of one of them. Both are in the West End. Again, they are located on public roads and have only limited security. During the Gulf war, a letter bomb was received at one of these buildings.

When Israel bombed Iraq's nuclear reactor in 1981, the international community roundly condemned the operation. But for that action, the allied liberation of Kuwait might not have been possible without the threat of nuclear war.

When Prime Minister Rabin expelled Moslem fundamentalist leaders at the end of last year, Israel was similarly roundly condemned. Without exception, the British media described the deportees as "academics, intellectuals, religious men and professionals," as if these were the reasons Israel expelled them.

Britain, and the West, didn't believe Israeli warnings about Iraq. Let's hope they've learned from the recent bombings.

A ban on Islamic fundamentalist groups is what the British Jewish community is now calling for. Let's hope their government complies, albeit belatedly, before someone gets killed.

The writer, a freelance journalist, is a former head of the British Israel Public Affairs Center Israel Office.

Sacred cows to the slaughterhouse

ALAN YANIGER

IN "Pure politics of victimhood" (*The Jerusalem Post*, July 15), Larry Derner criticizes the use of the Holocaust for political purposes by supporters of the right.

He claims that the Holocaust wasn't uniquely evil. After all, there have been so many other genocides! (As if genocides were as common as burglaries, and some other case of six million people systematically gassed and shot might be buried in the National Archives in Washington.)

Derner's casual skepticism is the kind of ground Holocaust trivializers and deniers love to feed on. That is probably what angers the Jews he talks about. As feminists have pointed out regarding rape, trivializing people's victimization can be almost as painful as the original assault.

Derner says nobody should call the Holocaust "unique" unless he knows it to be worse than all other genocides. He says you can't call the Holocaust unique, and then compare Arafat to Hitler.

But Derner misses the point about the uniqueness of the Holocaust and its possible relevance today. What is unique is not the Nazis' antisemitism, but so many people's recurring antisemitism. Jew-hatred has been around in one guise or another for thousands of years, and could very well be around now, here in the Middle East.

This constant Jew-hatred is what's unique. And that is what motivates people to bring up the Holocaust, rightly or wrongly, today.

"The uniqueness lies not so much in the results, as in the motivation. It isn't 'man's inhumanity to man' we're talking about, but 'many men's inhumanity to Jews.' If Jews get killed because they are Jews, then the subject should be discussed.

A more serious problem with Derner's article lies in its treatment of those "Jews on the right" whose Holocaust parallels he ridicules.

Like Derner, I have long been opposed to the way the Holocaust is raised in political contexts. I have had misgivings about the way all Israeli governments take every visiting political figure to Yad Vashem. It has always seemed an overwilling on past suffering, without any real connection to cultural exchange, agricultural cooperation, or whatever it may be.

It also appears to validate what the PLO constantly claims — that Israel is here not because of its ancient claim on this land, but because we ran from Hitler.

But despite my reservations, I never doubted the motives of government leaders. They may have

been oversentimental "Holocausters" (as James Kugel has called them) and politically overbearing, but they were (and are) good people, concerned about the memory of the six million and their heirs in Israel and around the world.

Derner nowhere talks about "all" Jews on the right. But as a journalist, he well knows the generalizations readers draw from phrases like "Jews on the right" ("typical Jews on the right"). Menachem Begin seems to have

The uniqueness of the Holocaust isn't the point. Unceasing Jew-hatred is

DERNER, LIKE so many other media professionals, pictures his right-wingers as angry, table-pounding fanatics, oblivious to historical fact, and out for political gain (read: "to upset the noble designs of the enlightened, calm, peace-loving good guys"). This is a dishonest way of avoiding discussing arguments on their own merits.

Why does Derner see it as not only incorrect but illegitimate to compare Oslo to Munich? In *Newsweek*, PLO activist Edward Said called Arafat "a combination of dictatorship and megalomania." If giving in to a megalomaniacal dictator like Hitler brought disaster in the '30s, it is at least debatable whether it is a good idea to give in to one in the '90s.

been a prime example of Derner's table-banging Holocaust invokers. But did Begin's rhetoric, as Derner claims, have nothing to do with "morality, or honoring the memory of Jewish victims, or making sure that no one forgets?"

Was he also a cynical power-grubber, looking for his free Volvo, cheating the people of Israel to fatten his own wallet? Is sincerity the monopoly of those who are not "Jews on the right?"

Here's a summary of Derner's argument:
• Let's wait until the historians' verdict is in before we call the Holocaust unique.
• There can never be a verdict. (Too many genocides.)

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GM profits double to \$1.9b.

DETROIT (Reuters) - General Motors Corp. more than doubled its earnings in the second quarter, the automaker said yesterday, as its North American operations roared back into the profit column.

The automaker said it earned a record \$1.9 billion in the period, up from \$889.1 million in the 1993 quarter. Revenues surged to \$40.4b. from \$36.3b. Results at GM's key North American automotive operations came in at \$723m., reversing a \$33m. loss in the 1993 quarter.

The strong profit, equal to \$2.23 a share, marks the first time in four years that the automaker has put together three consecutive profitable quarters. Its earnings in the year-to-date period were equal to 92 cents a share.

Industry analysts attribute GM's improvement to a 10 per-

cent rise in US vehicle sales this year, a surge in high-profit truck sales and continued efforts to cut costs.

Through the first six months of the year, GM's truck, minivan and sport utility sales were up more than 5% from the previous year and GM officials claim they could have sold thousands more trucks if they were not short on inventory.

"We're pleased that our second-quarter performance was the best ever for GM in any quarter," Chief Executive John F. Smith said, "but we recognize that we can't get complacent. We still have a lot of work ahead to improve our earnings power and achieve target earnings margins."

GM's second-quarter profit follows record-breaking performances by Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. in the April to June period.

Tax cuts aren't a cure-all

COMMENT

NEIL COHEN

WHILE the economy is usually the central issue in most elections in the West, here it is a secondary issue at best.

And while a tax cutting finance minister would normally have his party colleagues applauding vigorously, Avraham Shohat's planned tax cuts have not even elicited the most muted noises of approval.

The indifference is a function of the economy's political non-centrality. But it has a sound economic basis, since there is no guarantee that people are going to be better off. To be sure, there will be small cuts in income tax and national insurance contributions as well as further reductions in purchase tax. For many, though, these will be largely offset by higher health insurance costs and probably by the introduction of a workers' organization tax. So the incentive to work harder that tax cuts normally bring middle income earners will likely be pretty meagre.

The tax cuts have been made possible by economic growth and expansion of the tax base. Make no mistake, the tax cuts are a good thing, though it is a shame that various anomalies still remain. Middle income earners very rapidly reach the top tax brackets, paying taxes nearly as high as those of the rich, while, for example, stock market speculation remains completely untaxed, which is tantamount to the not very well off subsidizing the much better off.

As he prepares to defend his budget against the spending appetites of the various ministries, the Finance Minister should remember that tax cuts will be of little benefit

if real wages are not protected.

What the budget manifestly fails to address is inflation, by only marginally lowering the deficit. At current spending levels, next year's deficit would be only 1.7% of GDP, (compared with this year's budgeted deficit of 3% of GDP and 2.75%, of a much larger GDP, for next year), according to the Treasury's own numbers.

What was justified during the years of high unemployment will become inflationary under present employment conditions. It is hard to see that the budget would have been very different if inflation was several percentage points lower.

If the government does not bite the bullet and tackle the deficit in general, and the particular thorns in its side - Kibbutzim, defense industries, the pension funds and the kibbutzim - inflation may run out of control and lower taxation will be for naught.

Lehman Brothers

Earlier this week Lehman Brothers, one of Wall Street's most august investment banks, announced that it was opening an office here. Of course Oscar Gruss and Furman Selz, two New York brokerage houses, are well represented here, but no one of Lehman's size and stature has taken the plunge before.

At this stage, of course, Lehman's investment is one of reputation rather than big money, and it has decided to capitalize on the strong position it has built in the

investment banking and underwriting niche, helping Israeli companies raise money, mostly on NASDAQ.

The timing is interesting and indicates a long-term commitment. With Israeli stocks on Wall Street trading near their lows and the IPO market both here and there pretty cool, underwriting dollars are not going to come easy.

But it is during the tough times when the men are sorted out from the boys and the strong players build market share. Lehman are presumably taking the view that they can pull off private placements and complex deals which rival Wall Street firms do not have the local presence to initiate, and Israeli firms the placing power to complete. That would help them cement relationships which would bear fruit when markets recover.

All this is not to say that Lehman will not have to tread carefully. One area where Wall Street firms have fallen down here in a big way is the quality of their research. Too many nasty surprises from firms traded on Wall Street has quashed the pitch for others, and the investment banks must bear some responsibility for taking management optimism at face value. Most of the research on Israeli companies traded in the US has been superficial and disappointing. If it is to gain itself a real edge Lehman will have to raise standards here.

In the short term a small local representation is unlikely to make much impact. But if Lehman is successful others will follow. Competition will only raise standards and lower the cost of raising capital.

WORLD BRIEFS

US jobless claims fall: The number of Americans filing new claims for state jobless benefits dropped by a surprising 23,000 last week to the lowest level since spring, the Labor Department said yesterday.

New claims for benefits in the week ended July 23 declined to 331,000 from 350,000 the prior week. The total was the lowest since the last week in March.

ICI profits up: UK-based ICI reported a 40% leap in half-year profits and surprised the market with the upbeat tempo of its outlook. Profits rose to £234m. on 8% higher turnover.

Commerzbank reports profits drop: Commerzbank, one of Germany's largest commercial banks, reported a 23% fall in group profits in the first half of 1993 but said it saw a "good basis" for earnings during the rest of the year.

Sainsbury makes counter-bid for William Low: UK's biggest food retailer J. Sainsbury launched a counter-bid yesterday for struggling Scottish supermarket group William Low & Co. topping arch-rival Tesco's recommended offer.

Sainsbury is offering about £210m. in cash and a 16% premium to Tesco's £154m. bid.

Mercedes bids for takeover: Mercedes-Benz said it had made a bid to take over Germany's Kaessbohrer, Europe's largest builder of luxury touring coaches. Privately-owned Karl Kaessbohrer Fahrzeugwerke GmbH makes coaches under the Setra marque.

France complains of US GATT violations: French Industry and Trade Minister Gerard Longuet said the US was not complying according to the GATT free-trade rules by using its muscle to back a recent intensive export drive by US industry. He said French firms had lost huge export orders to US competitors who were able to present more attractive packages of support, off-set orders and political favors.

China reported a sharp fall in its trade with Russia, with fake and low-quality goods stockpiled on both sides of the border in a welter of broken contracts and unpaid bills.

The Central Bank of Egypt said dollars on Wednesday to support the pound against fears of devaluation, brokers said. It was the first time in years that the central bank has had to intervene to support the Egyptian currency.

Agis close to \$50m. purchase

RACHEL NEIMAN

AGIS has announced that a planned acquisition of a 70 percent share in a US-based pharmaceutical firm has reached the concluding stages.

If the deal goes through, a subsidiary will be set up, jointly managed by Agis and the US company. Agis's total investment is estimated at some \$50 million, of which \$24m. will be funded by Agis and the remainder funded by banks, shareholders and other sources.

At present most of Agis activity is in the local market. CEO Maury Arkin has said that the new arrangement "will change the profile of our company's activities."

He said the purchase would open up new markets to the company, predicting "half of our activity abroad and half in Israel by 1997."

Andin owners file suit against Hapoalim firm

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

A NIS 2.063 million class action suit was filed against Trust Company of Bank Hapoalim in Tel Aviv District Court yesterday.

The suit was filed by attorneys Shmuel Barzel and Herzl Kaspi on behalf of David Weinberger and David Fisher, owners of Andin series 1 bonds. The firm was appointed trustee of Andin's series 1 bonds which were issued to the public at the end of June 1987.

The petitioners claim the firm did not fulfill its responsibilities as a trustee to holders of the bonds. They said Andin is obliged to inform the public of changes while the trustee must ensure that Andin fulfills its obligations. The suit claims the firm put off appointing a receiver for Andin despite reports of financial problems.

The suit states Andin's financial difficulties were first published in 1992 and shortly afterwards its shares ceased trading after a bond holder requested the court appoint a receiver for the company.

Decision to invalidate TASE changes appealed

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Tel Aviv Stock Exchange and the Securities Authority appealed to the Supreme Court yesterday against the Tel Aviv District Court's invalidation of the TASE directorate's decisions regarding changes in listing securities for trading.

The court ruled the stock exchange directors' amendments to requirements for companies to be registered on the stock exchange are invalid.

The court decided the amendments, which were enforced in November 1993, are subject to the approval of the stock exchange's general meeting. The court said the approval is necessary for the

Finance Ministry and the Knesset Finance Committee to supervise the changes.

The appellants claim Tel Aviv District Court Judge Eliyahu Winograd erred in accepting the Association of Public Companies listed on the Stock Exchange and the Manufacturers' Association's appeal on the issue.

The appeal claims the court ignored the fact that the regulations were made by the directors, according to the professional criteria of the stock exchange. The appeal emphasizes the regulations require the approval of the TASE directorate

and the Securities Authority.

In November 1993, the stock exchange's board of directors decided to adjust companies' registration criteria in an attempt to improve the quality of companies traded on the exchange. The decision by the TASE directorate, taken on November 11, 1993, included increasing a company's capital prior to and after listing on the exchange, raising a company's minimum operational profit, and increasing public holdings in the company.

The directorate also decided companies' listing on the ex-

Electric Corp. places cable orders

change will be contingent on providing a yearly and not only a pro forma report, and also decided that companies must be in operation for at least one year.

In overturning the decision, Winograd suggested that the directorate reconsider the decision at its next general meeting instead of appealing the ruling, but the stock exchange and Securities Authority decided to appeal.

Zion Cables yesterday was granted \$26 million worth of orders by the Electric Corporation. The plant received \$13 million worth of orders, while the Kvallin company got \$9 million worth. The decisions on the orders were made in the context of discussions to complete an Electric Corp. international cables tender.

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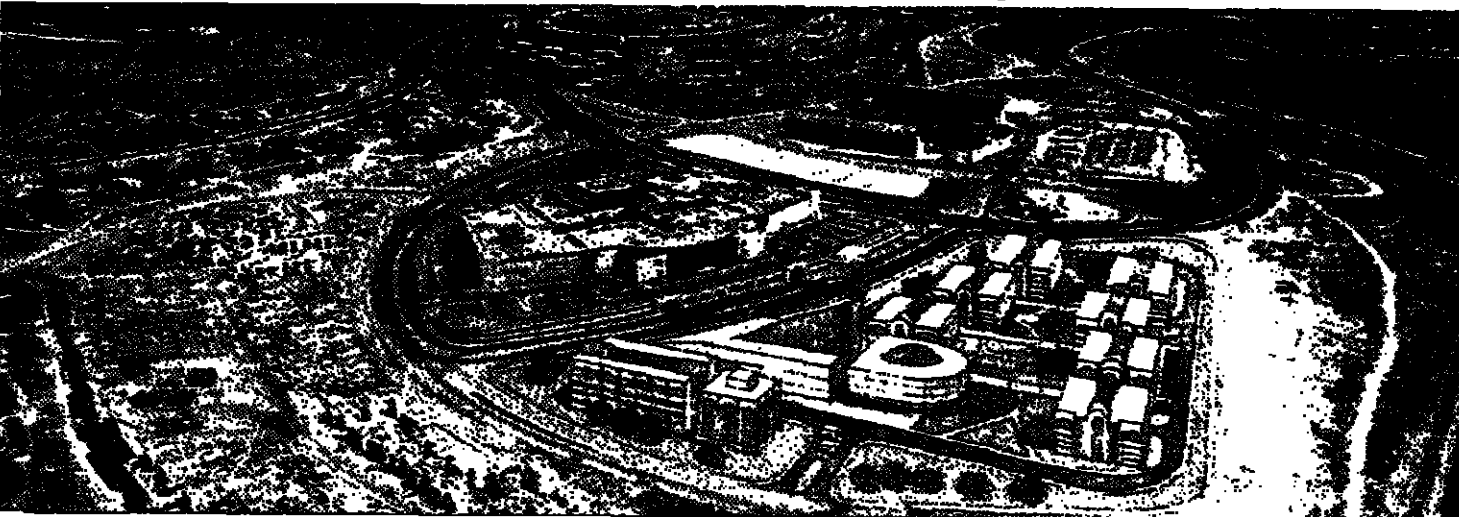
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U.S. dollar (\$50,000)	3.750	4.000	4.250
French franc (FF 200,000)	4.000	4.500	5.000
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	3.750	4.000	4.250
Yen (10 million yen)	0.625	0.625	0.625

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (28.7.94)

CHECKS AND TRANSFERS			
Currency basket	Buy	Sell	Banknotes
U.S. dollar	3.2580	3.4070	3.2580
U.S. dollar	3.0288	3.0888	3.0288
German mark	1.8247	1.9510	1.8247
French franc	4.8448	4.7101	4.8448
French franc	0.5029	0.5170	0.5029
Japanese yen (100)	3.0728	3.1138	3.0728
Dutch florin	1.7140	1.7382	1.7140
Swiss franc	2.2749	2.3070	2.2749
Swedish krona	0.3808	0.3902	0.3808
Norwegian krone	0.4412	0.4474	0.4412
Danish krone	0.4885	0.4984	0.4885
Polish zloty	0.5947	0.5989	0.5947
Canadian dollar	2.1803	2.2212	2.1803
Australian dollar	2.2298	2.2813	2.2298
S. African rand	0.8258	0.8375	0.8258
Belgian franc (10)	0.9328	0.9468	0.9328
Austrian schilling (10)	2.7358	2.7742	2.7358
Italian lire (1000)	1.9091	1.9590	1.9091
Jordanian dinar	—	—	0.454
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.087
ECU	3.6730	3.7248	3.6730
Irish punt	4.5001	4.6550	4.5001
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South African Economic Statistics

		Prices 27.7.94	Prices 28.7.94	% Change
Exchange rates	Commercial rand	3.682	3.670	-0.34%
	Financial rand	4.530	4.530	-0.44%
Interest rates	Money market (RAA)	11.00%	10.96%	0.36%
	Prime 2008	14.21%	14.33%	-0.84%
	ESCON 2020	14.27%	14.27%	0.00%
	RSA 150	14.08%	14.09%	-0.07%
	UAL Max Income	14.45%	14.45%	0.00%
Prices: UTI	OM Investments	R 41,062	40,089	2.44%
	ESCON 170	39,698	38,493	3.06%
	Guardbank	35,404	35,237	0.47%
	UAL Gift	12,173	12,172	0.01%
	Max Income	10,387	10,372	0.15%
Shares (close)	De Beers	110.50	108.00	2.31%
	Van Rooy	400.00	400.00	0.00%
	Anglo American	236.50	232.50	1.73%
	Barlows	32.50	31.50	3.17%
	SA Brews	88.75	86.00	3.20%
	Sasol	28.35	27.25	4.04%
	Tiger Oats	45.00	46.00	-2.17%
	Isacor	3.98	4.00	-0.50%
	JSE Actuarial Overall	5.608	5.549	1.06%

COMMENTS: The rand is a new low against the dollar as the dollar rose water on international markets. The reserve bank stormed into the commercial rand market yesterday forcing the local unit back through the R3.70 to the dollar level after it hit a record low of R3.67. The London based economics centre stated that it would be difficult to keep the financial rand as this market is far larger than is believed and is estimated to be close to R194 billion. Governor of reserve bank, Chris Stals cautions against optimistic expectations based on the two-tier currency system.

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Bosnian Serbs fail to back plan Clinton's approval rating falls in polls

US may send troops to Rwanda

SARAJEVO (Reuters) - The Bosnian Serbs reiterated their objections to the latest international peace plan yesterday, saying acceptance of the proposal as it stood would be "the beginning of the end" for their people.

Their self-declared parliament said they were prepared to negotiate further on the plan but it stopped well short of endorsing it, as demanded by major powers.

Western diplomats saw the response as an effective rejection of the peace plan. "It's pretty much a 'no'," said one diplomat in Belgrade. The Bosnian Serb deputies, meeting in their capital of Pale just outside Sarajevo, had come under intense international pressure to accept the peace plan.

But they sought adjustments to the proposed division of Bosnia between Serbs and the Moslem-Croat alliance and clarification of the future status of Sarajevo, the Bosnian Serb SRNA news agency reported.

They also repeated demands for Serb access

to the Adriatic Sea and for a "right to self-determination, including the possibility for uniting with other neighboring states," a reference to Serbia.

The plan, drawn up by a "contact group" comprising Britain, France, Germany, Russia and the United States, would divide Bosnia roughly in half between the Serbs and the Moslem-Croat federation, which has accepted it.

It would force the Serbs to give up a third of the land they now hold.

In the latest attempt to secure compliance, Russian Defense Minister Pavel Grachev arrived in Belgrade this week for talks with Bosnian Serb leaders. He brought a letter from President Boris Yeltsin.

The speaker of the Bosnian Serb assembly, Momcilo Krajisnik, said in a letter to Yeltsin and to Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, who is also believed to favor acceptance, that the plan was too sketchy to satisfy the Serbs.

"Acceptance of an unfinished and unknown

peace plan would be the beginning of the end for the Serb people on its centuries-old territories and a prelude to national suicide," he said.

The Bosnian Serb assembly's decision, the second effective rejection of the plan in a month, came as officials of the contact group met in Geneva to review threats and promises they made when the plan was unveiled three weeks ago.

The major powers threatened punitive military and economic measures against the Serbs if they insisted on rejecting the plan. But the U.S., European and Russian governments are now showing signs of indecision and disagreement.

In Sarajevo, the UN military commander condemned Bosnian Serb forces for an attack on a British UN convoy in which one British soldier was killed and another wounded. A Bosnian civilian was also injured in the attack.

The Bosnian Serbs opened fire on the British convoy on Wednesday on a road leading into the city, igniting a fuel tanker.

NEW YORK (AP) - President Clinton's job performance rating fell in two national polls published yesterday in the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*.

Forty-seven percent of those polled for the *Times* said they disapproved of Clinton's general performance while 45 percent said they approved. The approval rating dropped 9 percentage points from a *Times* poll in April.

The *Journal-NBC News* poll found 49 percent approval, down 3 points from a month ago and down 8 points since May. Disapproval rose to 44 percent from 39 percent a month ago.

Clinton got even worse approval ratings in both polls for his handling of foreign policy: 38 percent in the *Times* poll and 34 percent in the *Journal-NBC* poll. On the economy, 39 percent approved in the *Times* poll, and 45 percent in the *Journal-NBC* poll, a 3-point drop.

Only one in five of those surveyed by the *Times* said they would be more likely to vote for a congressional candidate if they believed the candidate "would support Clinton most of the time." One in three said they would be less likely to vote for such a candidate, and 44 percent said it wouldn't have much of an effect.

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The US military is preparing to send several thousand troops into Rwanda to help coax over a million refugees home to the African nation. America's top military officer said yesterday.

Army General John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Pentagon Joint Chiefs of Staff, said no final decision had been made on the troop plan, but that several thousand appeared to be a minimum needed to support a refugee aid effort within Rwanda.

"Certainly there will be several thousand that will be there" if President Clinton approves setting up a major refugee supply shipment hub at the airport in Kigali, he told reporters.

The movement of that many US troops into the civil-war-torn country of Rwanda, from where over a million refugees have fled to disease-ridden camps in Zaire and other nations, would greatly increase the American military aid effort ordered by President Clinton last week.

Defense Secretary William Perry said Wednesday about 750 US troops were already involved in the Rwandan humanitarian aid effort in Zaire and Uganda and the number in those neighboring countries would probably swell to 4,000 in the coming week.

Both Perry and Shalikashvili said any US troops sent to Rwanda would be strictly for humanitarian aid and would not be part of any UN peacekeeping effort.

Perry met at the Pentagon yesterday with French Defense Minister Francois Leotard to discuss Rwanda, Bosnia and other issues.

About 2,500 French troops are due to start withdrawing from the volatile southwestern part of Rwanda at the end of this month and UN officials are concerned their departure will leave a vacuum.

Over two million people are believed to be massed in the French "safe zone" and there are fears that people will flood out of the region into neighboring Zaire.

Delfont, doyen of Grade dynasty, dies

LONDON (Reuters) - Lord Bernard Delfont, the 84-year-old doyen of the Grade family which dominated post-war British entertainment, died on Wednesday, his family said.

Delfont and his elder brother Lew Grade arrived in Britain just before the outbreak of World War I, the sons of Russian Jewish emigrants Isaac and Olga Winogradsky.

Over most of this century, they created an entertainment dynasty which shaped cinema, commercial television and the theatre in Britain. Their nephew, Michael Grade, is currently head of Channel Four television.

A former Charleston dancer and theatrical agent, Delfont won his big break bringing the *Folies Bergere* revue from Paris to London and New York. In 1979 he branched into cinema and became chief executive of entertainment company EMI Ltd.

He worked every day except Monday and insisted he had no hobbies. He believed that despite his great age he had much to offer his fellow company directors.

US panel finishes work on \$32.4b. crime bill

WASHINGTON (AP) - Negotiators from both houses of Congress completed work yesterday on a \$32.4 billion crime bill that includes a ban on assault-style firearms, dozens of new death penalties and life sentences for third-time felons.

President Clinton, who has made the bill a major domestic priority, hailed the agreement. "This is truly a historic day. We're on the verge of a major victory for this country... This is one of the reasons why I ran for president."

Word of the completion of the conference committee's work came as Clinton was at the Justice Department for a speech to law enforcement officers. He told his audience the long-delayed bill represented "the toughest, largest, smartest federal attack on crime in the history of our country."

With a flurry of votes on outstanding issues, the conference committee ended 21 hours of negotiations over three days and sent the bill to the House and Senate for what is expected to be final approval before it goes to Clinton for signature.

The bill would devote \$10.7b. to state and local law enforcement, including funds to put 100,000 more police officers on the streets.

It also authorizes spending \$10.5b. on state and local prison construction, \$7.4b. for programs to prevent people and from turning to a life of crime, \$2.6b. for federal law enforcement and courts, and \$1.3b. for courts to deal with drug cases.

The assault-style firearms ban and a controversy over allowing the use of statistics to help prove racial bias in death penalty cases have drawn the headlines.

But the sticking points at the end - keeping key negotiators behind closed doors for three hours early yesterday - involved such issues as how much prison construction money should be saved for states with tough sentencing laws.

Conferees, ending work on the bill, agreed to drop the provisions, which would allow the use of racial statistics to help prove bias in death penalty cases.

Before three hours of closed-door meetings began at 11:15 p.m. Wednesday night, votes in open session showed the support of both the House and Senate conferees for the ban on the assault-style weapons.

It would ban 19 named types of firearms and scores of others that the government says meet the characteristics of assault-style weapons.

In the attack, 22 skinheads stormed through the camp memorial, threatening to burn a woman supervisor to death, shouting "Sieg Heil," throwing stones at buildings and giving the Hitler salute.

19 skinhead rioters at Buchenwald arrested

ERFURT, Germany (Reuters) - German prosecutors yesterday said 19 of 22 skinheads who were released after rioting at Buchenwald last weekend had now been placed under arrest.

Prosecutors in the eastern state of Thuringia said 12 suspects had been rounded up in addition to the seven neo-Nazis arrested earlier for alleged involvement in Saturday's incident.

The arrests came after a barrage of criticism was aimed at Thuringia police who broke up the attack but then released all but one of the attackers after briefly holding them for identification.

With great sorrow we announce the passing of my husband, our father, and our dear grandfather

ZEEV WOLF SZTRIGLER
The funeral took place on Wednesday, July 27, 1994 (Menachem Av 19, 5754)

Shiva at the home of the deceased, Arzel Habira 49/16, Jerusalem. The unweaving will take place on Tuesday, August 2, 1994 (Menachem Av 28, 5754) at 5 p.m. at the Mount of Olives Cemetery. Meeting point at the Seven Arches (Intercontinental) Hotel.

With great sadness we announce the passing of our mother and grandmother

MATHILDA ALLALOUF

the funeral will take place today, Friday, July 29, 1994, at 12:45 p.m. at Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.

Her son:
Jacky Allalouf & Family

To Jacky Allalouf & Family
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The speakers will include prominent rabbis, Heads of Yeshivot and his son Rabbi Mordecai Ahron Ganzweig ז"ל

Supporters on the Torah are invited to pay their respects by attending this ceremony.

The unveiling of the tombstone will take place on Sunday, July 31 at 1:30 p.m.

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The funeral took place on Thursday, July 28, 1994, at Sde Yehoshua Cemetery, Haifa.

Mourners
Her Son, Daughter, Daughter-in-Law and Grandchildren

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our beloved

KARL-ERICH MEYER ז"ל

The funeral took place yesterday, Thursday, July 28, 1994, at the Sde Yehoshua Cemetery, Haifa.

The Bereaved Family

The unveiling of the tombstone, in loving memory of

HY (Hyman Jacob) MALIN ז"ל

will take place at Beth Shalom Cemetery on Thursday, August 4, 1994, at 5 p.m. For transportation, please call 02-619318, 02-617894

Roselyn Malin
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On Sunday, July 31, 1994, the first anniversary of the death of my dear husband, brother

ERICH YAKOV HAIM BAUM ז"ל

We will visit his grave in Har Hamenuhot Cemetery, Jerusalem, at 2 p.m.

Dr. Laszlo-Baum

The unveiling of the tombstone of our beloved

GEORG YONA TAUBER ז"ל

will be held at the Kfar Samir Cemetery on August 1 at 5:00 p.m.

We will meet at gate No. 1.

The Family

The consecration of the Memorial Stone for

PHYLLIS FISCHER ז"ל

will take place on Har Hazetim on 26 Menachem Av, Wednesday August 3, 1994, at 4:30 p.m. (Entrance to Beth Olam adjoining Intercontinental Hotel)

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Rabin postpones coalition talks with Shas due to Margalit Yosef's death

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday postponed the coalition talks with Shas until after the shiva for Margalit Yosef, the wife of Shas's spiritual mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef.

The crisis surrounding Labor's initiated coalition agreement with Shas was not mentioned at Labor's political bureau meeting yesterday, as had been scheduled, due to Yosef's death.

Earlier yesterday, Rabin met with Meretz's leader Minister Shulamit Aloni, who made it clear to him that the agreement with Shas is completely unacceptable to Meretz. However, Aloni said that Meretz was prepared to renegotiate the terms of Shas's return to the coalition and not make use of its veto power.

Meretz, Aloni told Rabin, would never accept Shas's demands — made after the agreement was initiated by the coalition members — to give the status quo regulations the standing of basic laws which are even above the Su-

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preme Court. These demands, if fulfilled, Aloni said, would shatter Israel's constitutional structure and democratic nature, turning it into a "halacha state."

Aloni told Rabin that Labor "should also take into account the positions of Labor's loyal partner in the coalition, the partner who has stuck by it through many obstacles and setbacks."

"We know Shas is important to Rabin, and it is important to us as well, but so is democracy. I'm all for Shas's rejoining the coalition. Shas left for reasons that have nothing to do with the religious status quo, and can come back to the government without it as well. The fact that Edri reached some understanding with Deri is no reason for an entire party to commit suicide."

Aloni noted that "signing an agreement with initials means that it has not been approved by each side's institutions yet, and Shas must take into consideration that we have the right to veto any new coalition partner and that guidelines on religious issues must be accepted by all coalition partners."

Meretz's joint (CRM-Mapam-Shinui) executive met yesterday to sum up two years in government and to formulate its position concerning the agreement with Shas.

Rabin was also to meet with the maverick Y'ud faction members last night, in an attempt to decide what to do about their joining the coalition, following the High Court ruling forbidding them to serve on the cabinet. Y'ud rejects the alternative of appointing a minister from outside the faction and prefers amending the existing legislation to enable a breakaway faction to take up operative cabinet positions.

Rabin and Peres expected to hold reconciliation meeting early next week

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres are expected to settle the latest eruption of the traditional tension between them in a tete-a-tete on Sunday, after Peres's return from Cyprus tomorrow night.

Last night, Peres told Channel Two that he had no plans to resign despite being "hurt" by Rabin's treatment of him in Washington. Sources close to Rabin said the reported tension between the two was grossly exaggerated.

Media accounts of tension and even hostility between the two during the Washington summit with King Hussein have aroused anxiety in Labor's leadership and Knesset faction, whose members could talk of nothing else yesterday. However, ministers reported after the cabinet meeting that no such tension was evident in the two men's behavior towards each other. Most ministers expressed hope that the bad feeling was a passing cloud and that Rabin and Peres would continue working together.

At Labor's political bureau and Knesset faction meeting yesterday,

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day, Rabin quoted the absent foreign minister several times in matters of state, as he did at the press conference he gave when he returned from Washington on Wednesday. The personal relations between Rabin and Peres were not discussed, except by a dismissive comment by Rabin, who said "leave those petty things alone now."

At the cabinet meeting, some of the ministers tried to ease the tension between the party's sometime rivals. Justice Minister David Liba'i said no bad feelings were demonstrated between Rabin and Peres, and that "a few ministers congratulated them both for their enormous political achievements. The ministers recognized them both as great statesmen and asked them to continue working together to accomplish and advance our goals."

Police and Energy Minister Moshe Shahal said: "I turned to both men and told them that this tension was totally redundant and that there is plenty of room in history for the two of them, for their deeds and

accomplishments."

Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli expressed hope that both Rabin and Peres would "find the way to understand that they must not raise past grudges but look forward to the future, although I realize this is not simple. I believe that in a day or two a few things will happen which will lead those two to continue their partnership and joint work."

The most critical was MK Avraham Burg, who said: "Rabin said once, you don't build a leadership with whining. He should also understand that with pettiness you don't acquire greatness, and with divisiveness you can't achieve unity and understanding. Labor, which is not in one of its great days, cannot afford the small days of camp politics."

Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin, who is Peres's close aide and friend, admitted yesterday that "there is no love lost between them, it would be useless to say otherwise or try to gloss it over. But it appears that politics is not necessarily the place for love, and as long as they can — and they certainly can — work together, this is a great advantage to us."

Jewish Agency orders probe of student organization

RAINE MARCUS

JEWISH AGENCY treasurer Hanan Ben-Yehuda has ordered an inquiry into the activities of the World Union of Jewish Students, after two WUJS executives resigned alleging irregularities.

In a letter to Hillel Neuman, formerly of the National Union of Israeli Students (one of seven bodies comprising WUJS), Ben-Yehuda wrote: "Since you brought up serious accusations which I was not aware of... I have decided to transfer the matter to the controller of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization."

In a letter to Dov Foder, chairman of the Agency's student department, Neuman accused WUJS of irregularities and "decline."

"In spite of a respectable budget granted to the organization, its activities in the last year may be summed up by 'Shabbat Otmit,' a leaflet, and the chairman's trips abroad," he wrote.

He also alleged there is no financial supervision over WUJS spending. "The reports presented do not reflect real spending," Neuman wrote.

WUJS chairman David Gold made several trips abroad last year, and since the executive board only meets twice a year to discuss funding, supervision of expenditure and trips is virtually nonexistent, sources said.

Gold could not be reached for comment.

Two salaried executives, Neil Lazarus and Eran Gazit, were forced to resign after they aired opinions against the WUJS leadership. Both had signatory rights, but since their resignations Gold's secretary has been cosigning checks, contradictory to regulations, the sources said.

Signatory rights were given her by WUJS controller Patrick Loeb, without approval by the board, they said.

WUJS receives over \$200,000 annually from the Jewish Agency, plus funding from the Joint Distribution Committee and other bodies.

In a report to the Jewish Agency, WUJS states that NIS 13,000 were spent to produce a bimonthly magazine, *Idkun*. In fact, said the sources, the magazine consists of eight typewritten pages.

An additional NIS 4,000 were sent by WUJS to The American Coalition for Soldiers Missing in Action, according to the WUJS report. When the National Union of Israeli Students, which runs a similar campaign, requested clarification, it was told that no such amount was spent.

The sources also blasted Loeb's January controller's report, saying it was "just over a page long and says nothing."

Man breaks neck while climbing through his apartment window

A 25-year-old Beersheba man was killed yesterday when he broke his neck while trying to climb into his apartment through the metal bars on the window.

Yuri Oken arrived at his apartment without a key at around 5 p.m. Finding no one home, he decided to try to crawl in through a window. After sliding part way through the bars, he became stuck and apparently broke his neck while trying to extricate himself. An ambulance crew pronounced him dead at the scene. *lim*

New immigrants attend a job fair yesterday at the Jewish Agency's headquarters in Jerusalem. Over 50 booths offered information ranging from banking to Jewish National Fund afforestation projects to hundreds of visitors. (for Malcom)

Administration getting down to business in bid to ease Jordan's burdensome debt

WITH the pomp and ceremony over, the Clinton administration has begun its campaign to extend the peace dividend to Jordan.

US officials spent five hours on Capitol Hill Wednesday seeking Congressional support for relieving Jordan's nearly \$700 million debt to the US.

The campaign is part-and-parcel of US commitments made to King Hussein for advancing the peace process by meeting here this week with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The US also promised to supply Jordan with military equipment, but Amman has not yet presented its complete shopping list.

"Jordan is suffering under the burden of a crushing foreign debt that is crippling its economy. We should also be prepared to help with Jordan's legitimate security needs as well as helping them deal with their debt. We are urging Congress to assist Jordan and send a clear signal to the people of the region that America stands with the peacekeepers," Secretary of State Warren Christopher told the House foreign affairs

HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON

committee yesterday.

Christopher acknowledged that Jordan has requested "felial defense articles" from US draw-downs. However, he asserted that the US would not contemplate providing F-15 or F-16 fighters to Amman until it reaches "a full peace treaty" with Israel.

"Obviously... the extraordinary reception that King Hussein and the prime minister received [is] very important for the effort the President is undertaking, together with the Congress, to secure debt forgiveness for Jordan," a senior administration explained Wednesday evening.

"We are working with Congress, obviously, because it's Congress that's got to do that," the official stated, referring to authorizing and appropriating the funds to be used in canceling Amman's debt.

The US peace team also held follow-up meetings with the Is-

raeli and Jordanian negotiators who stayed on here, he said, to "move ahead rapidly" in implementing the Washington Declaration that Rabin and Hussein signed here Monday.

The administration is optimistic about the debt-relief effort, with the official noting that support "has always been there from the Congress for leaders in the Middle East who take risks for peace."

A large chunk of Israel's \$5 billion and Egypt's \$2 billion in annual aid came about as a direct result of the 1978 Camp David Accords.

The administration expects the actual cancellation of Jordan's debt to be implemented over two fiscal years, the official said, adding that "some action" on the relief could be announced as early as a week from now.

Christopher said at the hearing that "approximately one-third of the Jordanian debt could be eliminated in the first stage. At this point, the discussions on Capitol Hill 'are going well,' another official said.

Three children hurt in attack by Arab intruder

BILL HUTMAN

THREE siblings were wounded, two of them lightly and one moderately, when an Arab man entered their Moshav Aviezer home near Beit Shemesh and brutally attacked one of them early yesterday.

Police said the assailant beat Sa'ar Avraham, 10, with the wooden leg he broke from a stand in the boy's room. The leg had a metal screw on the end, which cut and moderately wounded the boy.

His older brother, Eran, 18, was awakened by Sa'ar's screams, and ran to his aide. The attacker struck and lightly wounded Eran with a broom handle he found in the room, before Eran forced him to flee.

The boys' sister, Re'ut, 14, was lightly injured, apparently after tripping when she was startled awake by the screams from the adjoining room.

The three were taken to Jerusalem's Hadassah-University Hospital at Ein Kerem. Eran and Re'ut were treated and released, while Sa'ar remained hospitalized. The children's parents are abroad.

The incident was the second this week that police

are unsure whether to ascribe to criminal or nationalistic motivation. On Tuesday, a haredi woman was knifed by an Arab youth and lightly wounded in northern Jerusalem, and police were still unsure yesterday whether it was a terror attack.

Investigators said the attack at the Avraham home had all the signs of a break-in by a thief, and at one point yesterday were convinced the assailant was a Russian immigrant. The assailant also apparently came to the house unarmed.

But later a Koran was found on the floor of Sa'ar's room and the boy told investigators he had heard the attacker speak in Arabic. The attacker said "son of a bitch," several times in Hebrew, and then several sentences in Arabic, Sa'ar said.

The attacker entered the Avraham home through the living room window, and the boy woke as he entered his room.

A police helicopter was sent aloft and roadblocks were set up in an effort to catch the assailant, but by last night police had no suspects in custody.

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other soldiers wounded.

News agencies reported that the Lebanese government had also contacted western countries and states in the region to put diplomatic pressure on Israel and thereby forestall any IDF attacks.

Lebanese newspapers said Hariri told a meeting of the Lebanese cabinet on Wednesday night that there were attempts to implicate Lebanon in the Buenos Aires and London bombings. He dismissed the allegations as baseless. Nevertheless, he reportedly told the cabinet that, "in view of the situation, we must expect Israeli aggression and be prepared to help the people in the South."

Radio Beirut reported yesterday that the Lebanese Army was on full alert and that the Health Ministry had instructed hospitals and other facilities to be ready to deal with mass casualties in the event of IDF attacks.

The pro-Syrian *As Sharq* newspaper said it had information that IDF aerial and naval activity might not be confined to the South and that the action could reach Beirut.

Judge to decide if Meshulam's followers should be transferred to his prison

RAINE MARCUS

DISTRICT Court Judge Arye Even-Ari is expected to visit the Abu Kabir lock-up within the next few days, following an appeal by Uzi Meshulam's followers to be transferred from the lock-up to be with their leader.

Meshulam himself is in Hasharon Prison awaiting trial on charges of illegal possession of weapons, shooting in a residential area and endangering lives following a two-month siege at his Yehud home.

Eleven of his followers, indicted on the same charges, are in Abu Kabir but are complaining that conditions there do not allow them to observe halacha.

Judge Even-Ari heard the inmates' appeal at Ramle's Ayalon Prison yesterday but deferred his decision until after his visit to Abu Kabir.

Defense lawyer Dror Makrin said that prior to their arrest, Meshulam's supporters would arrive at their leader's home daily to learn Torah. Since their arrest they cannot do this, said Makrin, since Torah scrolls in Abu Kabir are incomplete, and letters have been erased. They are also forced to pray in a room where there is a lavatory, he said. The appellants also claimed that the synagogue there is infested with cockroaches and lizards.

In an interim ruling, Judge Even-Ari ordered authorities to allow the prisoners to pray twice a day at the synagogue after they complained that they were only permitted to worship there three times a week.

Even-Ari postponed a visit to the lock-up planned for yesterday afternoon.

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Baseball players set firm strike date

NEW YORK (AP) — Major League Baseball players said yesterday they will go out on strike on August 12 if they haven't agreed to a new labor contract with club owners.

The decision, made during a telephone conference call of the union's executive board, puts baseball on track for its eighth work stoppage in 22 years.

"We believe that this date will maximize the chance of successfully negotiating an agreement without any work stoppage," US MLB Players Association head Donald Fehr said. "The purpose of setting the strike date earlier rather than later in the season is to focus the negotiations now and see if we can get the job done."

Players fear owners will unilaterally impose a salary cap after the season unless there is an agreement to replace the four-year deal that expired December 31. The union hopes a strike would force owners to reach a deal in order to preserve the postseason and an estimated \$140 million in television rights fees, an average of \$5 million per club.

The regular season is scheduled to end October 2 with the playoffs and World Series to follow.

"A strike is a last resort," Fehr said. "No one wants to play ball more than the players do. But the owners continue to insist on a salary cap. This artificial restriction on the free market would not only destroy free agency for players, but also would damage competitive balance on the field, further enrich the large-market owners and make matters worse for the small-market clubs."

The conference call lasted 90 minutes and the decision by the board was unanimous.

"Dick Ravitch (the management negotiator) has said that strikes only occur when one side underestimates the leverage of the other," Fehr said Wednesday. "Sometimes they occur because somebody wants them."

Fehr criticized owners for not having a commissioner and Ravitch for already saying he would leave MLB after these negotiations.

"We're really quite far apart at this point," Ravitch, the head of New York City's transit system during a subway and bus strike in 1980, said Wednesday.

Players voted nearly unanimously to give their executive board the authority to set a strike date and call a



OFF TARGET — Atlanta's second baseman Mark Lemke misses a throw from his catcher as Montreal's Marquis Grissom steals second.

walkout. Mark Belanger, an assistant to Fehr, said Wednesday there were only six votes, and said "the majority of the dissenters, if not all, was for (wanting) the ability to be involved in setting the date."

Belanger said the union didn't count all the votes in favor of allowing the executive board to call a strike. Based on an average of 28 players per team, including the disabled list, the total in favor probably was about 780.

Ravitch said the union's proposal to raise the minimum salary from \$109,000 to \$175,000-\$200,000 and to restore salary arbitration to players with two years of major league service would cost clubs \$660 million to \$700 million over four years and \$1.57 billion to \$1.65 billion over seven seasons.

He said the proposals would add \$236,000 to the average salary and would increase the percentage of revenue going to players from 58 percent in 1994 to 70-74 percent by 1998. Players want to maintain the cur-

rent system of salary arbitration and free agency, which has allowed the average salary to rise from \$51,501 in 1976 to \$1.19 million on opening day this year. Owners are insisting on a salary cap, and proposed splitting revenue 50-50 with the players.

Ravitch repeated that financial circumstances have changed since owners abandoned their salary-cap proposal during negotiations in 1985 and 1990. He said that even if there is a strike, the union eventually will be forced to negotiate on the owners' terms.

Braves 4, Expos 1
Kent Mercker pitched seven strong innings and Jeff Blauser hit a two-run homer as the Braves averted a three-game sweep and moved within 2½ games of the Expos.

Atlanta's win, only its fourth in 11 games, ended the Expos' eight-game winning streak, their longest this season. The NL East leaders will next meet in Montreal from September 30 to October 2.

The start of the game was delayed three hours and 19 minutes by rain. Mercker (9-3) allowed one run and five hits, striking out six. Greg McMichael pitched two innings for his 20th save.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Mansdorf moves ahead as opponent quits match

TORONTO (Reuters) — Top seeded Sergi Bruguera of Spain displayed a proficiency on hardcourts, but second seeded Todd Martin of the US quit midway through his second-round match against Amos Mansdorf at the \$1.72 million Canadian Open tennis tournament on Wednesday.

A right groin injury forced the eighth-ranked Martin to retire against Mansdorf before beginning a third set. The eighth-ranked Martin won the first set 7-6 (7-4), but the 80th-ranked Mansdorf won the second set 6-3.

Bruguera, the two-time reigning king of the French Open, marked his first appearance at this tournament with an impressive 6-1, 6-4 second-round victory over American Jim Grabb.

The top eight seeds all received first-round byes. Some other big names advancing into the third round were third-seeded Michael Chang, fourth-seeded Andre Agassi and 12th-seeded Ivan Lendl.

Martin injured himself during practice on Sunday evening but was determined to try and play. As the match progressed he found it more difficult to continue.

"From the beginning I wasn't playing full out," Martin said. "It probably would've been better if I didn't play at all, but it didn't really bother me until the first set tiebreaker."

Mansdorf said he knew Martin had been injured before the match.

"It put pressure on me because you don't want to miss

an opportunity," Mansdorf said. "You don't get too many breaks against the top guys. At the beginning, though, I thought I was letting it slip away but as the match progressed he weakened."

There were no service breaks in the first set. In the second set, Mansdorf broke serve in the fifth and ninth games.

Mansdorf has had his own troubles in 1994. Although he has been trying to play a complete schedule, he has suffered from the Epstein-Barr virus since the beginning of the year. Mansdorf said he knows the fatigue causing disease is "very stress related and it's hard to determine how much of it is mentally caused and not physical."

Noted for his brilliant clay court ability, the fourth-ranked Bruguera looked extremely comfortable on the slow, high bouncing hardcourts in Toronto.

"I prefer to play on clay but it's good to know I am getting more confidence on hardcourts," Bruguera said. "This is a good surface because you can stay back or come to the net."

Bruguera made few mistakes, posting only 12 unforced errors to the 122nd-ranked Grabb's 22 unnecessary mistakes.

The Spaniard hit a total of 25 outright winners — 16 coming on his forehand side.

Bruguera broke Grabb's serve in the fourth and sixth games of the first set and the ninth game of the second set.

Gymnast dies of eating disorders

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Christy Henrich was a fierce competitor whose nickname was E.T. for Extra Tough. But by 1990, the 4-foot-10 gymnast was so weak from eating disorders, she withdrew from competition.

On Tuesday, she died at age 22. A victim of anorexia nervosa and bulimia, Henrich died of multiple organ system failure after more than two weeks in the hospital. Research Medical Center wouldn't say how much she weighed at her death, but she had wasted away to 60 pounds a year ago.

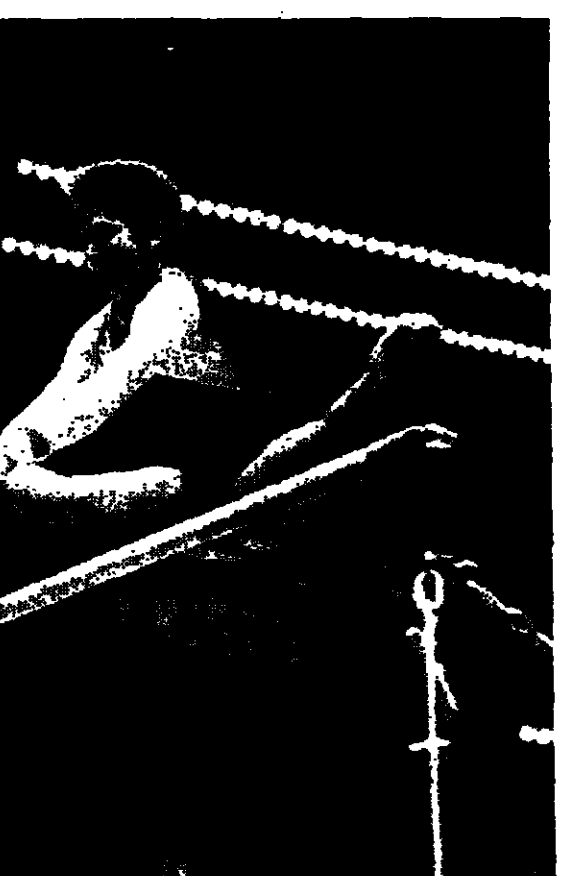
"She was an extremely strong person. She was a bull, just a tank," said her former coach, Al Fong, who became estranged from the Henrich family after confronting the teenager in 1989 about her eating problems.

"I kicked her out of the gym for her own good," he said. "I said, 'You're going to kill yourself.' She was throwing herself into the equipment because she couldn't do the routines. I set up all these appointments with the nutritionists, and then I found out she wasn't attending those sessions."

Henrich had missed making the 1988 Olympic team by .0188 of a point. Acutely disappointed, she aimed for the 1992 trials. But in between, the vicious cycle of anorexia and bulimia — starvation and vomiting whatever food is eaten — took over.

She withdrew from a competition in the fall of 1990 and retired from gymnastics in January 1991. She was among the top 10 of US gymnasts at the time but was too weak to compete.

"My life is a horrifying nightmare," she said then. "It feels like



FULL OF PROMISE — Gymnast Christy Henrich performing at the Olympic trials in Indianapolis, 1988.

there's a beast inside of me, like a monster. It feels evil."

The dieting frenzy began after a judge in an international competition in 1988 told Henrich — who weighed 93 pounds at the height of her career — that she needed to watch her weight.

Fong described the judge in Buda-

pest as a "nice, old lady" who had made an offhand remark. "It was perceived by her as 'You're too fat to be an Olympic gymnast,'" the coach said.

A year ago Henrich was briefly hospitalized and started seeing psychiatrist Dr. Gail Vaughn. Recently, she stopped.

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New York	50	37	.519	0
Baltimore	46	42	.480	5
Seattle	46	42	.480	5
Toronto	47	52	.476	14
Detroit	46	55	.450	16.5
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Chicago	59	41	.590	0
Cleveland	47	49	.489	12.5
Minnesota	47	53	.470	12
St. Louis	47	53	.470	12
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Los Angeles	48	53	.475	0
San Francisco	46	54	.460	1.5
San Diego	42	60	.412	6.5
Colorado	40	58	.408	8.5

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division				
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Philadelphia	50	42	.548	2.5
New York	48	52	.480	14
Florida	46	56	.446	17.5
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Cincinnati	55	45	.550	0
Pittsburgh	48	52	.480	10
St. Louis	46	54	.460	12
Chicago	44	56	.444	13.5
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Los Angeles	49	53	.485	0
San Francisco	49	53	.485	0
San Diego	48	54	.478	1
Colorado	40	58	.398	10

Good news for Kruk

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — John Kruk delivered the good news in his usual down-to-earth fashion.

"They don't know what it is, but it ain't cancer," Kruk said as he left Thomas Jefferson University Hospital following a night of worrying that the cancer he fought off earlier in the year had returned.

Instead, doctors confirmed that the lumps the Philadelphia Phillies first baseman found on his body were "a minor medical problem unrelated" to the testicular cancer they found in March.

A surgeon also examined Kruk and determined that the medical problem did not require urgent attention.

Kruk, examined by three doctors for about an hour Wednesday, was scheduled to return to the hospital today for further evaluation.

Kruk said he hoped to rejoin the Phillies today in time to play the Atlanta Braves.

Tottenham may have designs on another Romanian soccer star

LONDON (Reuters) — Romanian defender Gheorghe Popescu could join his World Cup colleague Ilie Dumitrescu at Tottenham next season as the English Premier League club's relentless drive for new players showed no signs of letting up.

Tottenham is reported to have spoken to experienced sweeper Popescu, who moved to his current club HSV Eintracht in the summer of 1990.

Popescu, playing for Eintracht in a tournament in Germany, is apparently seen as an alternative target should Spurs manager Ossie Ardiles fail to land Brazilian defender Marcio Santos.

Bordeaux-based Santos, who also interests Italian club Fiorentina, would cost around £2.5 million — and Ardiles is also trying to finalize a £1.4 million deal for Brazilian striker Muller.

Ardiles was in South America earlier this week talking terms with Santos and striker Muller, of Sao Paulo, and was optimistic he would take his spending to £6.5 million in a week.

Dumitrescu's £2.6 million transfer is subject to a medical today when the Steaua Bucharest midfielder flies into London — and on him getting a work permit.

Robinson frustrates South African side

NOTTINGHAM (Reuters) — A stubborn 82 by Nottinghamshire captain Tim Robinson frustrated South Africa's hopes of their first victory over a county side on their England tour yesterday.

Robinson's five-hour innings enabled Nottingham to score 218 and avoid the follow on as they replied to the South African first innings total of 327 for six declared.

The Nottingham skipper at one stage went without hitting a run for half an hour and produced only one scoring shot in 21 overs.

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US's O'Brien poised to break his own decathlon world record

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP) — The US basketball team gained some consolation yesterday by winning the bronze medal at the Goodwill Games, and Dan O'Brien moved into position to break his world record in the decathlon.

After five events, O'Brien had 4,736 points — 16 ahead of the pace he set en route to his world record of 8,891 in 1992 at Talence, France.

O'Brien, 145 points behind the pace after three events, surged back on track by clearing a career-best 2.20 meters in the high jump and then clocking 47.43 seconds in the 400 meters.

The final five decathlon events will be staged today. They are the 110-meter hurdles, discus, pole vault, javelin and 1,500 meters.

O'Brien put his chances at breaking the record at "50-50."

"If I have a day like today, I will be tired when I get to the 1,500," he said. "I'm trying to stay relaxed. I'm not a distance runner."

O'Brien is also hoping to make a run at becoming the first decathlete to break the 9,000-point barrier.

It wasn't the medal the Americans wanted, but the US basketball team settled for the bronze by beating Russia 80-71.

Puerto Rico beat Italy 94-80 for the gold medal.

The US victory provided a small measure of revenge for the American college players.



UP IN ARMS — Damon Stoudamire of the US tries to squeeze through two Russian opponents during the Goodwill Games basketball match.

Schumacher appeals ban

PARIS (AP) — German racing star Michael Schumacher yesterday appealed a two-race ban imposed on him by world racing authorities, allowing him to compete at the German Grand Prix this weekend.

But the appeal was a risk for Schumacher, whose wide lead in the Formula One world standings could disappear completely if the Paris-based International Automobile Federation (FIA) decides to toughen the sanctions.

The FIA ordered the sanctions against Schumacher on Tuesday for

temporarily ignoring a black flag at the British Grand Prix on July 10. He also lost the six points he earned from him by world racing authorities, allowing him to compete at the German Grand Prix this weekend.

His Benetton team claimed it had not been properly informed that the black flag, ordering a driver to enter the pits, had been waved at Schumacher, but the Paris hearing fined the team.

FIA President Max Mosley has said the organization's appeals panel would meet next week.

Disabled riders complete tourney, return to Israel

Post Sports Staff

FOUR equestrians of the Therapeutic Riding Club of Israel returned from England this week after having competed in the World Championships for Disabled Riding.

The four-day championships, which were held in Hartpury, Gloucestershire, were opened by Princess Anne on July 21. Anita and Giora Shkedi led a team of four disabled riders to the tournament, attended by representatives of 16 countries.

The riders are: Sivan Mor — quadruplegic who finished third in the Kur (riding to music) competition, Uri Basher — blind, Uri Barash — paraplegic and Orit Marinovich — hemiplegic.

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Knesset panel denies Clalit emergency funding

THE Knesset finance committee turned down a request for emergency funding for the Histadrut's Kupat Holim Clalit health fund yesterday, but is expected to approve it in a revote Monday.

The NIS 520 million package was defeated 5-3, since only three coalition MKs stayed through the end of the four-hour debate.

"I never try to muster a majority for a first vote, because there's always a revote," explained committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor). By committee custom, revote requests are always granted, and Likud MKs made it clear they would have demanded a revote if the proposal had passed.

"[The coalition] has a majority when it wants," agreed Dan Tichon (Likud). "They could have passed it [today], but they didn't want to."

However, coalition MKs all said they supported the proposal, despite the fact that six weeks ago, when the last emergency aid package was approved, they all insisted they would not vote for another unless it came with a complete recovery program.

"[We have] to give the new leadership a chance," said Elie Goldschmidt (Labor).

"If we appoint a receiver, we'll have to transfer funds, and if we don't appoint a receiver, we'll have to transfer funds, so it's the same thing," added Avraham Poraz (Meretz). "But if we appoint a receiver, it gives the impression that everything is falling apart."

"If we don't approve the assistance, there will be a huge flight from the fund, which will cost more in the end," said Gideon

EVELYN GORDON

Saguy (Labor).

According to the deal worked out by Histadrut Secretary-General Haim Ramon and the Treasury, a long-range recovery plan is to be signed by September 30. If this does not happen, Ramon said he himself would recommend appointing a receiver. He will also request a receiver if the workers do not cooperate, he said.

Workers are being asked to accept a delay in their clothing and vacation allowances, saving the fund NIS 80m.

However, any recovery plan will almost certainly require more government cash. Even after the national health law - which is expected to add some NIS 1 billion to Kupat Holim's coffers - takes effect, the fund will still have an

operating deficit of NIS 300m, a year, due largely to excessive salary increases, Ramon said.

The tentative recovery plan worked out by Ramon and the Treasury includes the appointment of independent managers for Kupat Holim hospitals, starting in January 1995, and the achievement of a balanced budget for the fund by the end of 1996.

"This is a comprehensive program, not another short-term plan, and it can't be worked out in three weeks," said Health Minister Ephraim Sneh.

To tide the fund over until the plan is worked out, the Treasury asked the committee to turn an existing NIS 180m loan into a grant, to give the fund NIS 220m, of the money set aside in the budget to pay contractors hurt by the building freeze, and to approve

the transfer of NIS 120m, owed the government by the Histadrut to the health fund instead.

Likud MKs were furious with the proposal, however, and demanded that Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair be summoned to Monday's meeting to explain why he considers the package permissible, when six weeks ago, he said anything more than the NIS 480m, approved then would be an illegal special allocation.

Ben-Yair had said the new aid package is permissible, because it is an advance on the funds to be given Kupat Holim as part of the recovery program. However, Ariel Weinstein (Likud) pointed out that a recovery plan was signed last year which was supposed to cover this year as well. Under that plan, the government cannot give any more money, he said.

Clalit workers' union threatens sanctions unless they are paid leisure and clothing allowances

JUDY SIEGEL

THE Kupat Holim Clalit workers union yesterday threatened to launch sanctions starting August 6 unless management pays them at least 50 percent of their leisure and clothing allowances in their next paycheck.

The union, representing 25,000 of the health fund's employees (not including doctors and nurses), insists they will not collect any fees for services from that date unless the allowances are included in their salaries.

However, the local works committees at Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva, Beit Levinstein in Ra'anana and Meir Hospital in Kfar Sava unilaterally decided yesterday to agree to management's postponement request. In addition, all Clalit nurses agreed to late payment of the allowances.

The workers' allowances, paid once a year, total NIS 110 million. Because of the health fund's financial problems, the union said it was willing to take only half now and the other half in two months, until a long-term recovery program goes into effect. However, management insisted that payment of the entire sum be postponed until October.

Asked why the doctors agreed to the postponement of payment, union head Haim Baranes said: "We would have agreed, too, if we received 70% wage increases this year like the doctors."

Clalit spokesman David Tagar said last night that the employees must do their part to ensure the health fund's recovery. "We hope the problem will be worked out by August 6, and that the union will agree to the delay," he said.

Meanwhile, Clalit Director-General Avigdor Kaplan responded to a petition in the High Court of Justice yesterday, arguing that discounts given by government hospitals to the Histadrut health fund were "not discriminatory."

Kaplan, responding to a petition filed by the Meuhedet and Maccabi health funds, argued that state hospitals should charge all health funds uniform fees, and not give one of them (Clalit) a discount.

In a written statement, Kaplan said Clalit had the "disadvantage" of having much larger numbers of elderly members, requiring higher expenditures for health care. It therefore, deserved lower rates in exchange for more business, he said.

Aloni puts issue of local cable TV advertising on hold until next year

LIAT COLLINS and Itim

COMMUNICATIONS Minister Shulamit Aloni told the High Court of Justice yesterday that she would review the issue of permitting advertisements on local cable television in another year.

Aloni was responding to the petition by MK Meir Sheerit (Likud) and the Cable Television Association who want the five local cable station franchise holders to be able to broadcast ads for local products and services and not just foreign goods.

Aloni said in her response that the time is not yet ripe for this type of advertising. However, she differentiated between program sponsorship by local companies and other forms of commercials. The Knesset Economics Committee is awaiting the High Court decision before forwarding a legislative amendment which would give the go-ahead.

Aloni said the communications field is rapidly changing and no one could say how it would look in the near future, therefore she would review the situation next year. The three commercial Channel 2 franchise holders have also opposed the idea, claiming it violates promises from the government they would have at least two years after launching operations last November during which the cable stations would not compete with them for local advertisers.

Meanwhile, the Cable Television Council is also discussing a proposal for a commercial Arabic-language channel.

Jerusalem residents warned of rabies cases

JUDY SIEGEL and LIAT COLLINS

JERUSALEM residents were warned yesterday to report stray animals and all cases of animal bites and scratches, following the discovery of five cases of rabies in the past two weeks.

The Jerusalem District Health Office yesterday advised all those who came in contact with an infected puppy in Gilo or a fox in Ramot Gimmel to call them immediately.

The other cases, not believed to have involved human contact, concerned a marten in Givon, a jackal in the Jerusalem corridor and a fox in Gush Etzion.

The fox was found last weekend in Ramot, while on Wednesday an unvaccinated puppy from Gilo died in the city pound where it was under observation for attacking its owners and neighbors. Pathological tests showed the animal was rabid.

Parents should instruct their children not to have contact with stray animals and should immunize their dogs against rabies as required by law. In the event of an animal bite or scratch, the wound should be washed immediately with soap and running water and disinfected; then seek medical care and report to the district health office.

Meanwhile, the veterinary service has warned pet owners that the preventative measures being taken to stop the spread of the disease include killing stray animals. Municipal veterinarian Tommy Sadeh stressed that dogs should be kept on a leash and not allowed out unescorted, even at night or the early hours of the morning.

"Don't let your pet suffer because of you couldn't be bothered to walk out with it and then blame the city," Sadeh said.



Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, accompanied by Shimon Sheves, director-general of Prime Minister's Office, yesterday leave the Jerusalem residence of Shas Party member Ovadia Yosef after paying him a condolence call upon the death of his wife, Miriam.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Drunk driver caught after chase

A drunk driver, 47, who drove into oncoming traffic, causing the injury of another driver, was caught by an off-duty policeman early yesterday after a chase. The driver of an oncoming car, who swerved to avoid the drunk driver, was injured slightly when her car overturned.

The officer used his own car to block the drunk driver's car, which crashed into his. When the man tried to escape, the officer struggled with him and arrested him.

MDA: Blood supply low

The country's blood supply has fallen below the "red line," Magen David Adom said yesterday. The serious shortage of blood is causing difficulties in supplies for hospitals, and some non-emergency operations are being canceled.

An emergency blood-collection campaign will open today and go on until August 5. Most MDA stations will be open today from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

US archaeologist: Ark site found

A Texas Bible scholar using NASA satellite photos said yesterday he has discovered the biblical campsite of the holy Ark of the Covenant, just south of Jericho. Vendyl Jones, of Arlington, Texas, said the site lies at the center of a lost city "greater than Troy, greater than Pompeii."

Jones' team of 37 Christian volunteers partially uncovered walls 11 meters wide and about 50 centimeters high running some 300 by 500 meters. These, he claimed, formed the partition surrounding the Mishkan, the biblical tabernacle. (AP)

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Police, Jewish communities prepare for the worst

Security is being tightened in London, Buenos Aires and around the world, Neil Cohen and Sue Fishkoff report

JEWISH communities around the world were reexamining their sense of personal and collective security this week as a wave of terror, the likes of which has not been seen since the 1970s, threatened to widen.

Established communities which have long been integrated in their countries have urgently sought stepped up security from local police and governments.

Jonathan Kestenbaum, director-general of the chief rabbi's office in London, says that people are concerned about security in a way they were not three days ago, before two car bombs exploded within 13 hours of each other - at the Israeli Embassy and the Jewish community's Balfour House. Nineteen people were injured in the explosions.

Kestenbaum emphasizes that the Anglo-Jewish community was not intimidated from participation in Jewish communal activities. All summer, youth activities are going ahead as planned; all school end-of-year activities are going ahead as planned. We have received no indication of a reduction in numbers attending these activities.

Anglo Jewry seems to have taken a collective decision not to let terrorism intimidate it or interfere with its life. Indeed, rabbis across the country are expecting full houses this Shabbat.

Nonetheless, Kestenbaum concedes: "It is quite possible that there is a degree of insecurity that wasn't present a few days ago."

He adds that there were two changes in the non-Jewish attitude - "a jolt to what may have been a degree of complacency that Middle Eastern terrorism will not be fought out on the streets of London; and the security organizations have come to the realization that London may have become another of the battlegrounds."

"There is an armed guard outside my office today; he wasn't there yesterday."

The downtown building housing the chief rabbi's office is also home to the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the Jewish Museum.

Mark Gardner, spokesman for the Board of Deputies, says, "A building like this attracts a nutcase element which we have to be aware of, and attracts genuine political enemies."

Outside *The Jewish Chronicle's* offices, a bobby patrols the street around the clock and yellow cones prevent cars from parking nearby.

But Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Paul Condon says yellow lines and traffic cones are no answer to what appears to be a band of potential suicide bombers.

"The new dimension for us is the power and ferocity of the devices being put down and the total disregard for their own or anyone else's lives by the terrorists involved," Condon says.



Policemen place steel barriers outside the Israeli Embassy in Paris yesterday, as security was stepped up at Jewish sites throughout the city and the rest of Europe. (AP)

Kestenbaum is encouraged by many messages of support from the non-Jewish community, but emphasizes that these have been largely from official sources. It is too early to tell what impact, if any, the return of Middle Eastern terrorism will have on non-Jews' attitude toward Anglo-Jewry, he says.

A Jewish lawyer living in North London feels his activities will not be curtailed by the bomb blasts. "You still have to go to synagogue, the children still have to go to school."

He will, however, be taking extra precautions. "I've always been security conscious; we were careful before, but we'll be more careful now."

Is he thinking of aliyah? "It was not something I was thinking about before, and it's not something I'm thinking about now. It can happen in Israel, too," he says.

THE COMMUNITIES in England have been shaken, but not nearly as much as Argentina's. In Buenos Aires, American Jewish Committee consultant Jacob Kovadioff says he saw delegations of parents trooping into the new Jew-

ish community headquarters, asking questions about security in Jewish schools.

"You can see these people are really afraid," Kovadioff says. The community's political body has begun an all-out campaign to persuade Jewish parents to keep their children in the day schools, which opened Monday after Argentina's winter vacation.

Community leaders say there has been only a slight drop in attendance. Government security has been doubled at all Jewish schools, with police cars stationed outside, and private security guards or volunteer parent teams keeping an eye on things.

Jewish leaders in Buenos Aires are cautiously critical of what they see as a lapse in the government's anti-terrorist security measures.

Chief Rabbi Shlomo Ben Hemo notes that, since the 1992 bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires, a police car has been parked outside the Jewish community center every day. It was there the day of the blast; the two policemen inside were killed.

"Unfortunately, this police car was not enough," Ben-Hemo says. "The state must do more. They must understand that this is a great blow struck at the heart of the city, not just against Jews. It must never happen again."

It's not a question of lack of goodwill, Jewish leaders say. The two-year-old government of President Carlos Menem has bent over backwards to maintain friendly relations with the Jewish community, and has provided security for Jewish institutions at public expense since the embassy bombing.

"The real question is the government's ability to deliver on its promise to protect the Jewish community," says American Jewish Committee international affairs director Jason Isaacson. "They have not successfully concluded the investigation into the '92 embassy bombing, and people question whether they'll be able to investigate this attack fully and prevent future ones."

Interior Minister Carlos Ruckauf has promised a Jewish delegation that the government will double security at the country's more than 200 Jewish institutions "for as long as possible," Isaacson reports.

"It's a budgetary concern," he notes. "The government will need to divert funds to the Jewish community, and the interior minister said he doesn't know how long he'll be able to guarantee that increased level of security."

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Hillel Kuttler contributed to this report.

SECURITY HAS been a concern for US-Jewish organizations since the late 1970s, when members of the American Hanafi Moslem sect took hostages at the national B'nai B'rith building in downtown Washington, says Isaacson, who also directs the AJCommittee's Washington office.

That appreciation [of the need for security] was heightened by the attack in Buenos Aires and the incidents in London," he says. "I am very conscious of the need to be sure that security procedures in my organization are as good as they can be without impeding access for our members and members of our community."

Scott Miller, a researcher at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, concedes: "I feel less secure. I felt it on the actual day of the signing [of the Washington Declaration by Prime Minister Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein]. [Knesset Speaker] Shevah Weiss was in the museum [that day], and I accompanied him through it. I felt the museum might be perceived as a Jewish institution," a potential target for terrorists.

He adds: "Like anyone else, I might be more concerned, but I won't do anything differently."

Miller says there was a beefed-up police presence outside the museum after the London blasts.

In New York, concrete barriers were put up outside the Israeli Consulate and an Israeli office building after police say they received a threat. Collette Avital, the consul in New York, says concrete blocks ring her building and the sand-filled garbage trucks that preceded them made her feel "like we are on the front lines," although office routine was normal.

Los Angeles police had a scare Wednesday night when a suspicious-looking car was parked near the Israeli Consulate. Police cordoned off several blocks of Wilshire Boulevard and evacuated the consulate and surrounding buildings, but no bomb was found.

Across Europe and even in the Far East, security measures have been bolstered in an attempt to prevent another terrorist attack.

Police in Bonn have been checking identity papers of people passing near the Israeli Embassy, where barriers are up and security guards and German police are on patrol. Similar precautions have been taken at the Israeli consulates in Frankfurt and Berlin, German police say.

Leaders of the 42,000-strong German Jewish community have called on the government to increase security at synagogues and Jewish centers across the country, says Michael Friedman, a Frankfurt-based Jewish leader.

In Paris, steel barriers are in place outside certain buildings with Jewish or Israeli connections to prevent parking.

In Japan, Belgium, Spain, Austria, Denmark and the Philippines, authorities patrol Jewish community buildings, synagogues and Israeli embassies.

A spokesman at the Israeli Embassy in Moscow says "strict security measures" are in effect inside and outside.

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In Argentina fears yield to uncertainty

ALBERTO Senderey, Latin American director for the Joint Distribution Committee, stood before the bombed-out hulk of the Buenos Aires Jewish community center last week and thought about his grandfather. The elder Senderey, Moises, had supervised construction of the building 50 years ago.

"Despite accusations that he was being extravagant, Moises Senderey insisted on building a solid granite front wall with heavy iron gates, because he said, 'Someday, they will attack us.'"

Today, 50 years of Argentinian Jewish history lie reduced to rubble. More than 100 people - employees and visitors - died in the blast.

The Jewish organizations housed in the destroyed building, primarily the Argentinian-Jewish Mutual Aid Association (AMIA) and DAIA, the community's political body, have moved their operations to makeshift headquarters in another AMIA building three blocks away. The building is smaller than the old headquarters. But, as AMIA personnel director Salomon Loterstein says soberly, "We don't have as many people now."

As community leaders struggle to restore some normalcy to Jewish life in the Argentinian capital, many are beginning to ask questions about the future of this 100-year-old community.

Argentinian Jewry has traditionally been tightly knit and proud. Its aliyah rate has been consistently high, and the majority of children attend Jewish day schools. But the economic crisis of recent years has forced cutbacks in Jewish social and cultural services. Schools and other institutions have been forced to charge fees, prompting increasing numbers of Jewish families to drop their affiliation.

Last week's blast has put a tremendous strain on the community's already tightly stretched financial resources.

"We need funds to rebuild our entire communal framework," says Amalia Polack, WIZO president and vice-president of DAIA. "We have to find money to help the survivors, to give to the families of the victims, to continue our monthly subsidies."

AMIA has paid monthly stipends to more than 1,500 low-income and elderly Jews, who depended on the welfare agency for their livelihoods. Some of those killed last week were waiting in line for their checks. Polack says the list of those entitled to receive welfare payments is still lost in the rubble, just one more piece of the bureaucratic tangle caused by the attack. Key records of every Jewish organization remain buried under piles of debris.

"Will we be able to take care of these people by next week?" asks Chief Rabbi Shlomo Ben Hemo. "That I can't promise. I hope and pray we'll be able to continue offering the aid they need."

Except for the heads of the burial society, no key Jewish leaders died in the attack. The bomb exploded early in the workday, just before the hour when top managers usually arrive at their desks.

Most of those killed were support staff and second-echelon professionals, dealing the community an organizational blow that will take months or years to overcome.

DAIA head Ruben Beraja says morale is low among many Jews, and depression is rampant. Community leaders, who meet several times daily, are working with social workers and psychologists on developing programs to help people cope with their fears and their losses. Jewish psychologists have volunteered in the day schools, where children are experiencing emotional turmoil. Many are having trouble sleeping at night.

Prof. Daniel Fainstein, dean of the (Conservative) Rabbinic Seminary of Latin America in Buenos Aires, says the principal of one Jewish elementary school noticed a group of youngsters playing a new game this week.

"It's called 'looking for dead bodies,'" Fainstein says quietly.

"Last week, when the kids were at home on vacation, they watched the rescue efforts on television all day. They thought it was a game."

COMMUNITY LEADERS say it is too soon to speculate on the long-term effects of last week's blast. Whether it will lead to a large-scale exodus of Argentinian Jews is anybody's guess, they say.

"No one has come to tell us they're leaving for Israel yet," says Beraja, "but some people are asking themselves what they will do in the future. A lot depends on the government's actions."

Right now, Jewish leaders say their priority is to reconstruct the broken pieces of communal life and begin providing essential services again as quickly as possible.

Some Jewish leaders, however, believe that the destruction of the former community headquarters may spark a restructuring of Jewish communal life in Argentina that they say is long overdue.

The AMIA and DAIA were set up in the 1930s along the lines of the Eastern European model of Jewish communal organizations, with rigidly-structured proportional representation.

"It's an old model, highly factionalized and badly split along political lines," says Fainstein, one of the critics of the old system.

"We need to develop a new approach to Jewish life that will meet the challenges of the next century. It will involve new alliances between Jewish groups."

Fainstein noted that since the bombing, Jewish groups that used to compete for membership or dominance have come together to share information and plan the future of Argentinian Jewry as a united body. Tuesday, in an unprecedented cooperative effort, Fainstein officiated at a funeral service for two of the bomb victims together with Habad rabbis.

"This attack, with all its tragic consequences, has created common ground for us to work together," he says. "I don't know what the outcome will be. But the destruction of our building is symbolic of the destruction of that antiquated model of Jewish communal life. It just might be a catalyst for change."

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Peace process then and now

This week wasn't the first time PM Yitzhak Rabin had to travel across the world to press flesh with someone from the neighborhood, Hillel Kuttler writes

THEY say you can't go home again. But you can go to the White House again - if it's to shake hands with another Arab leader for the first time in public, as Prime Minister Rabin proved this week.

Ten months after his historic appearance here with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, Rabin - in case anyone missed it - met Jordan's King Hussein Monday and Tuesday to launch their final thrust toward a formal peace treaty.

For a closer look at how the two events compare:

SMALL TALK

Then: Rabin (before the ceremony): "You know, we have a lot of hard work to do to make this work." Arafat: "I know. And I am prepared to do my part."

Now: Asked what Rabin and Hussein discussed at President Clinton's working luncheon following the signing of the Washington Declaration, a senior administration official said the topics ranged "from O.J. Simpson to the workings of their respective parliaments."

PAGEANTRY

Then: No flags, no anthems. Israel was adamant that since the PLO is not a state, it should not be accorded the trappings of one.

Now: Anthems - and four sets of the three flags draped on the Oval Office's facade.

Not that it was without some controversy. According to a White House source, during rehearsals Sunday afternoon, the Jordanians went into a huff because the Israeli flag was in the middle. US officials explained that the alignment of the two guests' flags was simply alphabetical.

Aha, said the Jordanians - but we are officially the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan! And so it was that the flags were realigned US-Jordan-Israel, a staggering diplomatic setback for the Jewish state.

MOSCOW, WE HARDLY KNEW YE

Then: Andrei Kozyrev, Russia's foreign minister, stood on the podium as an official witness. He even got to make a speech.

Now: Russia? Jupiter was a hot-topic.

HEAD COVERINGS

Rabin: 1 (kippa, at end of his address to Congress on Tuesday)
Arafat: 1 (keffiyeh)
Hussein: 0

BLACK-TIE DINNERS AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Now: Monday night, Clinton was like the master of ceremonies of *This is Your Life*.

Addressing Hussein: "Tonight it can clearly be said that you have fulfilled the legacy of your grandfather King Abdullah."

Addressing Rabin: "Now, after a life consumed by war, you have become the architect of a great peace, building a homeland your parents could only imagine. Tonight we honor you in the fulfillment of your legacy, sir."

Then: Within 15 hours of arriving in Washington, Rabin scooted out of town as fast as his limousine and airplane could go. The gala White House dinner, lacking the two principals, was like *Gone With the Wind* without Rhett Butler and Scarlett O'Hara.

Or like a scoreless World Cup final.

HANDSHAKES

Now: They kept going at it: at the Rose Garden, the South Lawn, the state dinner, Congress, the White House press conference. You name it, there was a handshake. Rabin even cracked a ... yes, a smile, when he (once again) grasped Hussein's hand at the conclusion of their addresses to Congress.

Then: As NBC talk-show host Jay Leno put it: "You know that look on Rabin's face as he shook Arafat's hand? It's like when you leave a [filthy] gas station restroom and you know you have to turn the door knob to get out."

PERSONAL CHEMISTRY

Now: Briefing reporters after the Blair House luncheon, senior administration officials said that "what struck [Clinton] was the comfort level and warmth in the relationship between the king and the prime minister. What it showed is that there is a level of personal friendship and high regard between the two."

Then: Refer to: "Leno, Jay."

THE DIGNITY OF CONGRESS

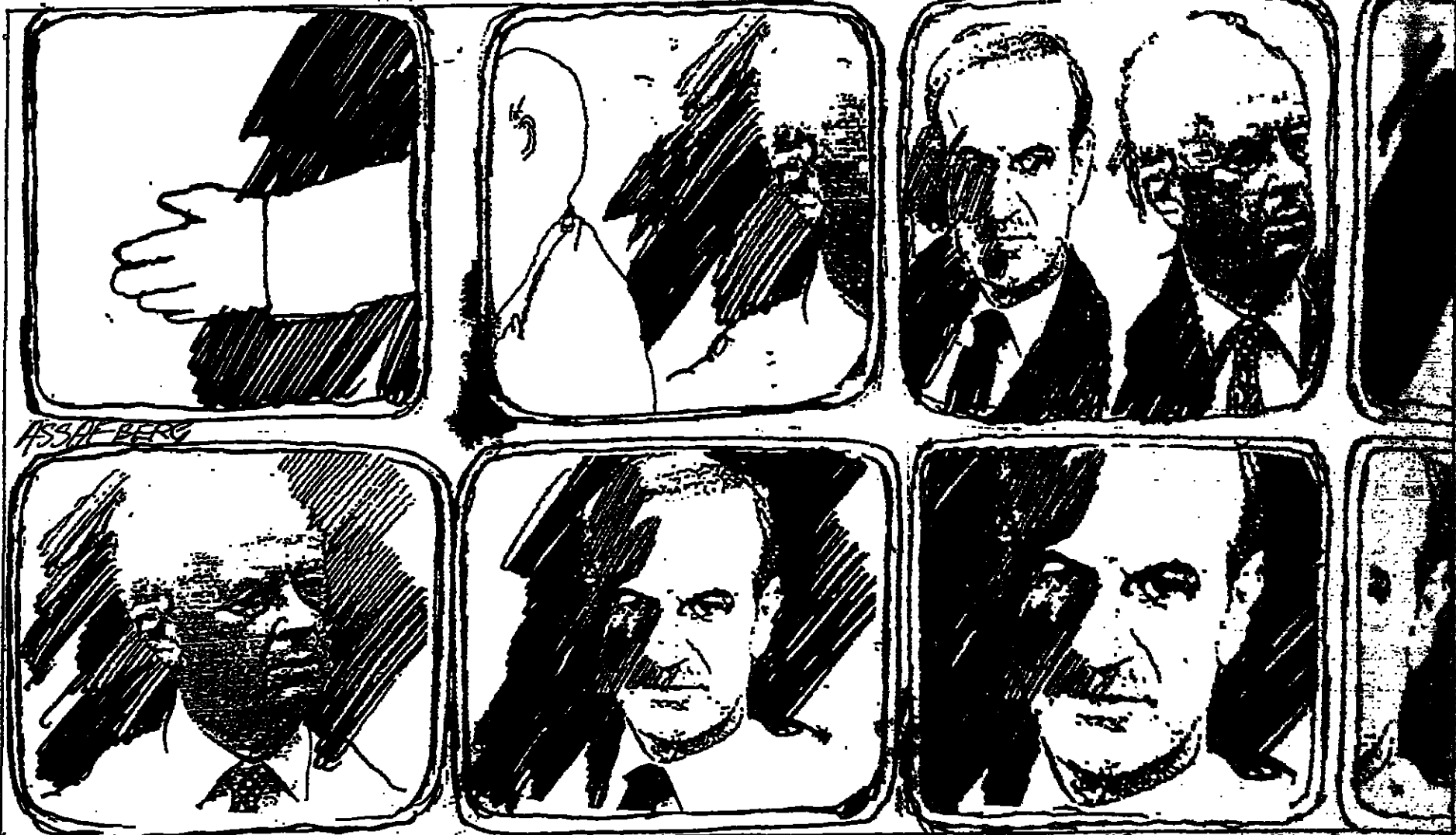
Now: At the congressional luncheon, the Senate's Republican leader Bob Dole, a veteran of 34 years on Capitol Hill, paid tribute to Rabin and Hussein. "I've been around here awhile and I can't remember a day like today," he said. "I'm not sure there'll be another one like today. We are honored to be in your presence."

Then: When Arafat paid a visit the morning after "The Handshake," Dole could have passed for a freshman, the way he giddily sought the PLO chief's autograph.

THE SPOUSES OF THE ARAB PRINCIPALS

Now: Ah, what words can one find for ravishing, blonde, diamond-bedecked Queen Noor? Such grace, elegance, majesty.

Then: Suha Arafat? Yasser left her at home.



Syria waits on the sidelines for Christopher

Israeli officials believe a Rabin-Assad meeting would persuade the public that peace is worth a full Golan withdrawal, Steve Rodan reports

WHEN we last left Hafez Assad, he was saying goodbye to Warren Christopher. Yes, Assad understood Israel's latest proposals, as relayed by the US secretary of state, meant to bridge the gap between Jerusalem and Damascus. No, he would prefer to withhold his response until after the King Hussein-Premier Rabin meeting at the White House.

In this next episode, the Hussein-Rabin summit ends and Christopher is packing his bags for another visit to the Middle East, now scheduled for August 8. Stay tuned for another set of long meetings, such meaningless terminology as "the meeting was useful" and more traffic jams in Jerusalem.

To some diplomats, the Christopher shuttle has all the makings of a television soap: plenty of dialogue, a crisis just before the commercial, and a plot that never seems to budge.

"I don't know why Christopher is coming again," says a Western diplomat, who is closely following the US efforts and does not want to be identified. "There is no indication that either side is ready for a breakthrough."

Privately, Rabin agrees. An Israeli source says the prime minister questioned Clinton's decision to send Christopher to the Middle East immediately after the successful Hussein-Rabin meeting. Rabin said Assad is not ready to make any concessions to Israel.

"The Syrian leadership still thinks today that the US can deliver us," Rabin says.

On the other hand, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres is looking forward to the Christopher visit. He is said to believe that US pledges of aid to Syria are the key to movement toward peace with Israel.

Peres's aim is to get Clinton and Christopher to convince Assad to meet Rabin at the White House.

After Assad refused numerous requests for such a summit, the foreign minister proposed that Clinton invite Israeli and Arab leaders, including Syria, to the White House. Then Assad could say he was attending an international party.

Israeli officials say a Rabin-Assad meeting is what is needed to win the electorate's confidence that a full withdrawal from the Golan Heights is worth peace, albeit a cold one, with Syria.

"What is the real obstacle to real peace with Syria?" asks Tourism Minister Uzi Baram, who has entered Rabin's inner circle of ministers since the departure of Haim Ramon. "It is not the visits of Christopher or the petition to retain the Golan. It is just one thing: the refusal of Assad to meet face-to-face with Rabin."

"If there was such a meeting with Rabin, even in Zurich or Paris ... it would be very important. All the efforts of the Americans have to be invested toward achieving such a meeting."

ISRAELI OFFICIALS involved in dealing with Syria stress that only two differences remain between Rabin and Assad regarding a peace treaty. One is a timetable for withdrawal. Syria wants a complete Israeli withdrawal over two years. Israel says it needs eight years.

Another difference concerns

the order of negotiations. Syria wants an Israeli commitment and withdrawal from the Golan before it agrees to negotiate on the details of normalization between the two countries. Israel wants both issues to be discussed simultaneously with normalization and withdrawal coordinated.

The dispute, officials say, reflects the crux of Syria's negotiating strategy: to obtain a significantly better deal than Egypt did when Cairo signed a peace treaty in return for Israeli withdrawal from the entire Sinai. Syria wants territory without having to normalize relations.

Arab diplomatic sources say Syria's priority is to improve relations with Washington. This would mean removing Syria from the State Department list of nations that sponsor terrorism or foster the drug trade. The sources say Assad believes that he can achieve these aims without signing a peace treaty with Israel.

"Assad is anxious to get the Golan back," one Arab source familiar with Assad says, "but not at any price. He would rather wait and do things his way."

Yossi Olmert, a Syria expert and former spokesman for the Israeli delegation to the peace talks with Damascus, says one thing Assad does not want is for Israel to play with him, the way he feels Rabin is playing with PLO chief Yasser Arafat.

As Assad sees it, first Rabin gave Arafat Gaza and Jericho and now is doing everything he can to

torpedo the prospects of further withdrawal from the territories.

"Assad doesn't want that to happen to him," Olmert says. "The argument with Rabin now is over details. Assad won't agree to a meeting with Rabin until everything is finalized."

Assad also has his complaints against the Americans, Olmert says. The Syrian president feels that he satisfied US demands with his pledge for full peace with Israel during his meeting with Clinton in Geneva in January. But the US president didn't deliver Israel's public any clear commitment to full withdrawal from the Golan. Then came the death of Assad's son, Basil, which left the president preoccupied with reorganizing his regime.

For Assad, Olmert says the disappointment of the Geneva conference pointed out the difference between Clinton and his predecessor, George Bush. The former US president was a man Assad believed would pressure Israel to withdraw totally to the 1967 borders.

"Assad doesn't trust the US," Olmert says. "He thinks he's still dealing with Bush and [former secretary of state James] Baker."

Assad's strategy was voiced by proxy this week in an interview with Lebanese President Elias Hrawi in the pro-Syrian Beirut weekly, *A-Shira'a*. Hrawi, who is regarded as a puppet of Damascus, said Syria wants first a total Israeli withdrawal from the Golan. Then, Assad will be prepared to discuss security arrangements and a peace treaty.

In Assad's view, "Israel wants peace and, as it understands it, peace is normalization and then security arrangements and finally withdrawal," Hrawi says.

In the interview, Hrawi recalls Assad's reaction to the Israeli proposal of an eight-year withdrawal from the Golan. "Let them dream," Assad was quoted as saying. "You know me, that I am very patient. I will continue to listen to proposals. I am prepared to wait many years until Israel agrees first to the principle of full withdrawal."

At the same time, Assad has managed to keep both the Israelis and Americans convinced that he is progressing toward peace. Aides to Clinton and Rabin say that, without the green light from Assad, King Hussein would have never agreed to the incredibly public and warm summit this week in Washington.

REGARDING LEBANON, Assad is finally allowing the Beirut government to voice its first proposals regarding security arrangements in turbulent South Lebanon. Hrawi has offered to send half of his 47,000-man army to South Lebanon to ensure order if Israel withdraws from the area. Until then, he says, his government will not try to stop Hizbullah.

Another Syrian gesture applied to the Golan. After years of ignoring Israeli requests, Damascus finally sent representatives several weeks ago to discuss Israeli charges that Syria was violating its 20-year-old US-sponsored disengagement-of-forces agreement.

The Syrians eventually made some changes and Israeli officials were satisfied. Rabin returned the gesture last month by informing the Syrians of a large military exercise on the Golan.

Rabin recounted these developments recently to American Jewish leaders. "We found the Syrian move to be an interesting sign," one Jewish leader quotes the prime minister as saying.

Israeli officials also acknowledge that Syria is making subtle changes to demonstrate openness. The Assad regime has increased the number of Golan Druse allowed to visit their families or receive education in Israel. It has allowed a delegation of Israeli Arabs and Druse to the Syria.

The tone of the Syrian press is slightly less anti-Israel. And, in the past few months, Syria, according to numerous US requests, has allowed several Israeli journalists, including *The Jerusalem Post's* David Makovsky, to enter the country. In all of these cases, the journalists were not allowed to use Israeli passports or identify themselves as Israeli journalists.

On the other hand, Israeli officials say Syria has changed closely than ever to its military assets. Senior IDF commanders, including Deputy Chief of Staff Maj.-Gen. Amnon Shahak, say Syria orchestrated the Hizbullah offensive against South Lebanon during the Hussein-Rabin summit. The Islamic fundamentalist Hamas, blamed for two bomb blasts against Israeli and Jewish targets in London, has been welcomed in Damascus.

AT THE same time, Syria has tested, and plans further tests, more than required, of its new Scud C missiles from North Korea.

"I would expect such a test to take place once a year to keep units in training," says Andrew Duncan, an assistant director at the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies, and a former British military attaché in Israel. "You don't do this very often."

Syria has also signed a deal for advanced weapons, including tanks, planes and surface-to-air missiles from Russia. Delivery of the hardware is expected to begin within a year.

Moreover, Israel, through its interrogation of former Amal security chief Mustafa Dirani, abducted May 21 from his South Lebanese home, is learning about Syrian involvement in the disappearance of Ron Arad. Informal sources say Dirani, who held Arad until around 1989, was under Syrian surveillance and reported to Damascus after each visit to his Iranian patrons in Teheran. The assessment now is that Dirani did not transfer Arad without Syrian knowledge and consent.

Rabin has made it clear in the last few months that he will no longer tolerate Syria's misadventure. Security sources say Israel has obtained US consent to hit Hizbullah hard, without worrying whether this will endanger Syria's participation in the peace process.

The decision enabled Israel to capture Dirani, bomb a Hizbullah training base, and kidnap suspected Hizbullah agents in the south. At the urging of senior military advisers, Rabin warned Syria that unless peace is achieved, Israel would be forced to prepare for war.

"It helped us a lot because suddenly Assad realizes that he has no answer to our military," a senior IDF commander says.

Israeli officials as well as experts on Syria are convinced that in the end Assad will give the Clinton administration something that will be acceptable to Israel and enable a land-for-peace deal. Some suggest the breakthrough could come by the end of the year. Others say it will take another year.

JERUSALEM ARTISTS WEEK

	Sunday, July 31	Monday, August 1	Tuesday, August 2	Wed. August 3	Thursday, August 4	Saturday, August 6
HEBREW UNION COLLEGE Free	8:30 p.m. Piano Monologues: 4 Pianists Vladimir Shifrin, Michael Goshy, Marina Sokolovnik, Vadim Monastyrski	8:30 p.m. "Voice and Piano" Vigary Shenderovich with singers Susanna Peretsky, Vagary Cherniak, and students of Rachel Shulov	8:30 p.m. "Schools of Piano Playing" Ludmila Zeltser, Yitzhak Katz, Issa Stornim, Boris Kononov	8:30 p.m. King David Violins Ensemble of 10 string players Works of Vivaldi, Mozart, Grieg, Hindemith		8:30 p.m. "Artist Families" Piano Duets Shapira, Galaganov, Caslik, Stolpner families
YMCA Free		6:00 p.m. Marathon of Arabic poetry and music. Artists from East Jerusalem: "Stars of Jerusalem" and "Golden Eagle"	6:30 p.m. (on the balcony) "Hed" - Wind Instruments Quintet 8:30 p.m. Jerusalem Artists Chamber Orchestra Conductor: Motti Schmit Pianist: Irena Berkovich Works of Mozart & Beethoven	6:00 p.m. Marathon of Jewish-Arab Music, "Yemel Haberimim" Singer Shoshan Eynav Arab troupes: Pleasant Nights, Sounds of Music		
ZIONIST CONFEDERATION HOUSE Tickets: NIS10		8:30 p.m. "Jerusalem of Languages - Poetry as a Common Language" with Zali Gurevich, Gavriel Levine, Dani Zinger, Selman Masalha Moderator: Eyal Megged				
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JERUSALEM KHAN THEATER		8:30 p.m. Play, "Laisser Moi T'aimer" (Let Me Love You)	8:30 p.m. Play, "Laisser Moi T'aimer" (Let Me Love You)	8:30 p.m. "The Owl and the Pussycat"	8:30 p.m. "The Owl and the Pussycat"	8:30 p.m. "The Owl and the Pussycat"
HEROD'S CAVE Free	6:00 p.m. East Jerusalem Arab Troupe 7:00 p.m. Pantomime Artist Yakov Chagal, from Paris 7:30 p.m. The New Ensemble - 14 string instruments Conductor: Vladimir Levit	6:00 p.m. "Jerusalem Saxophones" with Gersh Heller 7:00 p.m. Ballet Troupe "Director: Yakov Lifshitz 8:00 p.m. Hedvi Tefila Collection of ancient prayers Ruth Weider Magan, Steve Peckoff	6:00 p.m. Mimo-Ofir Bloom - Pantomime 7:00 p.m. Singer Betty Klein International Folk Songs 8:00 p.m. "Private Lessons" - segments from classic comedies	6:00 p.m. Children's Show "Susana's Toy Box" 7:00 p.m. The Virtuoso Trio play music from the Balkans 8:00 p.m. Arab troupe from East Jerusalem	6:00 p.m. The dance couple Lana and Lena Juggling Couple 7:00 p.m. Morav Melger Indian, Gypsy and Flamenco dance 8:00 p.m. The Jerusalem Klezmer Trio	
BLOOMFIELD PARK Near Herod's Cave Free	6:00 - 8:00 p.m. ART AND ARTIST HAPPENING ARTISTS: Marek Yanai, Assaf Berg, Avraham Mandel, Chedvah Shamesh, Galia Gavish, Edna Hirsh, Pini Moshé, Victor Stibelberg, El Maoz					

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Where Rwandan refugees wait their turn to die

The living are barely different from the dead, Alon Pinkas reports from the Zaire-Rwanda border

RWANDA - has been blessed by nature but betrayed by mankind. The failure is colossal and shameful. Kiwomba, with its rapid accumulation of corpses, lies in a green valley about 1,500 meters above sea level. It is overshadowed by the 5,000-meter-high Karisimbi volcano and a string of other volcanic peaks almost as towering. Around Kiwomba are lush jungles, dotted with the vibrant colors of tropical flowers.

It would be picturesque if it weren't for the ubiquitous presence of death.

Death in its blunt, unrelenting, overwhelming, arbitrary, cruel presence. Death which is everywhere but remains incomprehensibly remote. Death that leaves gaping holes in families when it doesn't destroy them entirely. Death of dignity, death of hope, death of the human spirit. Death as a way of life, as MK Yossi Sarid put it.

On Monday, I was on the outskirts of Goma, a town of 120,000 besieged by a million dispossessed refugees on the Rwanda-Zaire border. After Kiwomba, the refugee camp and the orphanage near Goma seemed less horrendous. Because if there is such a place as Hell, if such a place can be found on a map, it is named Kiwomba.

After being there, I feel compelled to begin a report thus: "Dear reader, I don't think I have the skills to describe what I have seen. But I can begin to understand what mass death at Auschwitz might have been like."

THERE ARE approximately 350,000 Rwandan refugees in Kiwomba. A huge, amorphous crowd of people walking nowhere, doing nothing, having fled from



Zairean Boy Scouts load the body of a child onto a truck outside Goma, Zaire; the youths have collected thousands of bodies of Rwandan refugees. (AP)

one hell to another hell, hopeless, dehydrated, easy targets for cholera and other forms of almost certain death: a senseless horror show.

The roadsides are littered with bodies. Thousands and thousands and then more, in various degrees of decomposition. All lying in the midst of the thousands who are still alive, wandering aimlessly and helplessly. Dazed.

Food is not the problem. Dis-

eases and contaminated water are. But perhaps the most striking phenomenon is the visual similarity between the dead and the still living. Both have the same hollow, lifeless, empty stare. The dead, the nearly dead, the dying. They sit, awaiting their turn; and they just stare at you, at the jungle, at the high mountains. They have no tears, they express no emotion, they reflect no fear.

"Welcome to the Republic of Rwanda," proclaims a sign in French on the border checkpoint between Zaire and Rwanda. This is where over half a million Rwandan refugees came through, fleeing the horrors of civil war. They began streaming into Zaire in mid-July, once the tide in the civil war turned in favor of the minority Tutsi tribe.

The Hutu army, actually the Rwandan army, disintegrated,

and more than 30,000 armed Hutus deserted and infiltrated into Zaire, fearing revenge and retribution after being responsible for an almost genocidal massacre of the Tutsis during a three-month civil war. It erupted on April 6 when the plane carrying the president of Rwanda exploded in mid-air.

On the border, we meet a Tutsi officer, Second Lieutenant Peter Kanaki. "I am not a fighter. I am

an economist," he tells a group of Israeli journalists and Sarid. "But I joined the Tutsi rebels when the war began."

Kanaki turns for a moment to assure a trickle of returning refugees that the war is over.

When Sarid introduces himself as the "environment minister in the Israeli cabinet," Kanaki seems impressed, although a bit dubious. He thanks Sarid for the MASH unit Israel set up for Rwandan

refugees. Sarid produces his passport to prove that he is a minister. After that is settled, and the two converse in their official capacities, we notice a pile of several hundred hand-grenades, RPG rockets, bullets, knives, blood-stained swords and axes.

"This is what we took from the Hutu soldiers," says a Zairean captain on his side of the border.

"But the war is really over," Kanaki says. "I am a Rwandan, not a Tutsi," he smiles.

So are the children treated in the field hospital the IDF set up there. A fully fledged mobile army surgical hospital (MASH), it was built and operational within 24 hours after eight cargo planes discharged several hundred tons of medical equipment.

The surreal atmosphere is reminiscent of the original *M*A*S*H* movie - only here, people die for real. They have died since arriving, though the lives of a few have been saved.

The future that awaits the survivors is a different question, a question that isn't asked here, where life is so cheap, where 15 Israeli doctors nonetheless strive to maintain the sanctity of life. They will save, or rather prolong, the lives of only a fraction of a fraction of 1 percent of those dying.

"We will do whatever is necessary to save one life," says Brigadier General Dr. Michael Weiner, chief IDF medical officer.

Perhaps to some, being in Goma is also being proud of being Israeli. But in Kiwomba, you are ashamed of being human.

The devastating dimensions of the Rwandan problem are slowly affecting Zaire. Cholera, malaria, AIDS. The volatile mix of political, human, economic and health crises is frightening. It is an intractable, chaotic and uncontrollable situation. Thousands continue to die each day while Hutu soldiers, the empty and terrible look of a devastated army reflected in their eyes, move aimlessly on the roads. With no end in sight, death will continue to triumph in Madame Kasouka's orphanage in Goma, and in Kiwomba.

And in the middle of it all, in downtown Goma, is Lanira's steak house, where foreign journalists dine.

Even in Hell, you know, there is a business class.

Water rights negotiations move along a very slippery road

WHEN Jordanian and Israeli ministers toasted each other in Amman last week it was with glasses of mineral water - a reminder of one of the trickiest problems in the negotiations between the two countries.

Water, not security or boundaries, is still the most sensitive issue being discussed, Water Commissioner Gideon Tsur said in a phone interview this week. "There is a very long and complicated road left to travel."

It is also very slippery. Jordanians - and Palestinians - have repeated their claims to "water rights" at every opportunity. Tsur, naturally, rejected their charge that Israel is responsible for the "theft" of water.

"I want to believe that [the Jordanians] also know they're not really talking about stolen water," he said.

In Jordanian eyes, however, these "rights" include water from the entire Jordan River aquifer from its northern springs to the Dead Sea, including Lake Kinneret, Tsur noted. "The negotiations on water are very difficult, because of the [Jordanian] perspective on water rights," he said.

"This issue of water rights, of course, also comes up between

Syria and Turkey; Egypt and Sudan and other places throughout the world. Shared rivers require shared distribution [of water]," he said.

But here the problem is compounded by the fact that the regional rivers are not filled with quantities of water like the border-crossing Danube or Rhine. It is virtually impossible to divide the small quantities satisfactorily among Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians, Tsur said.

Tsur has an anecdote which illustrates the issue's sensitivity.

"At the multilateral talks on water I said 'Let's suppose that the water rights are recognized; let's now divide the water. Of course, we all know there is a lack of water, so the end result will be zero.' The Jordanian delegation head [Munther Haddadin] said to me: 'If that's the case, we want half of zero.' This shows that what's important to them is recognition of rights and after that negotiations on allocation."

Although Jordan is as interested as Israel in increasing water supplies, they want the details of allocation finalized before starting any joint projects.

Meanwhile, Jordan is consuming ground water almost one and half times faster than the rate at

which it can be replenished, leading to overpumping and salinity. In the summer of 1991, there was severe water rationing in Amman.

Jordan receives almost twice as much of its water from transboundary rivers than from domestic springs and rivers. In 1990-1991, Israel and Jordan used 1.5 billion cubic meters of water - Jordan used 400 million cu.m. and Israel, 1.1 billion cu.m.

"Our advantage over the Jordanians is that we were clever enough - from the point of view of economy, engineering and even vision - to develop [additional water] sources," Tsur said. "In my opinion the issue of water rights is secondary. Not one cubic meter of water has been created by a declaration of rights. And I'd like to see us begin to talk about real water. By this I mean creating new quantities of water."

Although desalination immediately springs to mind as a source of new water, Tsur - and Palestin-

ian environment specialist Jad Isaac - said it is too expensive to be anything but the final option. A projected price is about \$1 per cubic meter.

One of the most feasible ways to increase water supplies is building reservoirs, like those being constructed by the Jewish National Fund, to capture winter flood water and hold it for use in the summers.

Tsur said more than one million cu.m. of flood water flows via the Jordan River into the Dead Sea and is wasted. It could be trapped and used instead.

Another measure to increase water, discussed during the multilateral talks in Oman in April, is a small-scale project to prevent loss of water through leaks in municipal pipelines.

Israel loses en route only 12 percent of the water it uses to irrigate crops - much of it treated sewage - whereas in Jordan almost 50% is lost.

Jordanians and Palestinians should stop arguing about water rights and start planning joint projects, Water Commissioner Gideon Tsur tells Liat Collins

International funding would be necessary to meet the cost of such a project, estimated at more than \$3.5 billion.

Tsur was not prepared to discuss details of the unscheduled meeting this week in Oslo between the Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian delegations to the multilateral talks.

He had not yet received an update on the talks, he said. Nonetheless he rejected press reports that Israeli delegation head Avraham Katz-Oz signed an agreement with his Jordanian counterpart.

"Even without being updated, I'm sure they have not signed an agreement on water allocation, because the negotiations are so difficult that from a rational point of view I find it impossible to believe that both sides suddenly reached an agreement."

Israeli security sources told reporters they were unhappy with unauthorized announcements on the Oslo water talks.

The talks on water are so sensi-

tive that any unofficial announcement could seriously harm the negotiating process, the source said.

It would be very difficult to reach any agreement without the Syrians and Lebanese, who have been boycotting the water talks since they started after the Moscow follow-up to the Madrid Conference in 1992, Tsur said.

Tsur, who last week confirmed that Israel and Jordan held secret water talks for more than a decade, said he did not know of similar meetings with the Syrians.

The Palestinians and Jordanians both realize the necessity of Syrian involvement.

Haddadin told a reporter for *Middle East Insight* last year: "On a purely economic basis, investments in regional projects involve economies of scale which don't make them viable on a local level," indicating that even if Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians reach the perfect relationship, tripartite solutions to the water problems are limited.

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Capital's man on Arab affairs says bye to City Hall

Amir Cheshin is making way for a new city adviser on east Jerusalem affairs and a new policy toward Arab neighborhoods, Bill Hutman reports

AMIR Cheshin, the outspoken Jerusalem municipal adviser on Arab affairs, is angry. But not, as might be expected, because he was forced to resign after a decade on the job.

It's the flowers and new houses and new roads in Jerusalem that make him angry. Those are things he watched bloom in Jewish neighborhoods of the capital and fought, with little success, to bring to Arab neighborhoods.

"Not one damn tulip was planted [in the Arab sector] for 20 years," Cheshin said, his feelings coming through even before the first question was asked in an interview this week.

"A couple of years ago, the guy in charge of the tulips came to me and said, 'We have 2,000 extra tulips,' and asked if I knew what to do with them."

"Tens of thousands of flowers are planted in western Jerusalem, and finally they found a few 'extra' [for east Jerusalem]. I wanted to throw them in his face."

The tulip incident, Cheshin explained, taking a breath as if to calm himself, was symbolic of something deeply wrong with the handling of affairs in Jerusalem's Arab sector.

The 49-year-old former IDF spokesman said that, since the city was reunified in 1967, the policy toward eastern Jerusalem has generally been misguided.

Today, the eyes of the world are focused on developments in Jerusalem in a way they perhaps never



Cheshin: Since 1967, the municipality's policy toward east Jerusalem has generally been misguided. (Shen/Harari)

were, with the city quickly becoming the major issue in the peace process.

Cheshin - who will soon be watching developments as an outsider - was appointed to the job by former mayor Teddy Kolek in 1984. Cheshin now finds himself on the way out, with the prodding of the city's new mayor, Likud MK Ehud Olmert.

Slated to leave his post on Monday, Cheshin stressed that he was not fired. Olmert, however, made it clear to him that he wanted to appoint his own person to the post, and to limit the job description to "adviser."

Two weeks ago today, Cheshin told Olmert he would leave. Olmert, according to a senior municipal source, "did not try to talk him out of going."

"I had no problems with Olmert either personally or professionally," Cheshin said. "It's his right to appoint the person he wants."

No replacement has been announced by City Hall, but Cheshin's departure is perhaps the clearest signal since Olmert took office in November of plans for a new municipal policy toward eastern Jerusalem.

Olmert has defined that new policy in his public statements, although few things have changed on the ground.

The mayor has vowed to increase funding to Arab neighborhoods substantially, and allocate to them the same amount per capita that Jewish neighborhoods get. He has also demanded that the

deal directly with City Hall.

Cheshin agreed, but up to a point. He was often uncomfortable with his position as liaison, with dozens of Arab residents coming and telephoning his office daily for help.

But, he added, there was often no choice but to help Arab residents deal with City Hall, because of the municipal bureaucracy's insensitivity to them.

Over a quarter of a century since eastern Jerusalem was annexed to the city, the municipality still has a problem with Arabs. Few city officials who deal with the public speak Arabic, according to Cheshin.

City Hall has only two Arabic typewriters in Cheshin's office and the city manager's office. "It's an embarrassment," he said.

In June, Olmert appointed a committee, headed by city manager Ilan Cohen, to recommend changes in the city bureaucracy necessary for his new policy.

The committee has yet to meet.

Cheshin warned that immediate action was needed to prevent further deterioration in the economic gap between the Arab and Jewish sectors. A tour through eastern Jerusalem or a perusal of the Statistical Yearbook of Jerusalem quickly reveals the massive gap in everything from schools to roads.

City department heads have long looked at eastern Jerusalem first when they have had to slash spending, according to Cheshin.

"What do you expect them to do, skip trash pickup in Rehavia to save a few shekels, or in Jebel Mukaber?" he asked.

"There's this myth that everyone has accepted as fact, that they must do everything in their power to discourage Arabs from living in Jerusalem," Cheshin said.

That, he said, results in the exact opposite of what is intended. The policy of promoting Jewish development and curtailing Arab growth only weakens Israel's hold on the city, Cheshin concluded.

English schools: Excellence or elitism? A question of church and court

AN Israeli child stands before his literature class and recites a Shakespeare sonnet. The class then discusses Shakespeare's life and times - all in fluent English.

That's the fantasy behind the revolutionary decision by the Education Ministry to create schools in which English will be the primary language of instruction. Those behind the program are touting it as a dream of intellectual advancement and strengthened connection to world culture. But for those devoted to Hebrew culture, it's a nightmare.

The outcry began last week when the ministry announced that it plans to create 12 experimental schools - high, junior high and elementary - where the majority of subjects will be taught in English. If all goes as planned, eventually there will be two English schools in every district. The ministry's plan also calls for English day camps in summer which would be staffed by Jewish students from English-speaking countries.

Dr. Shimon Shoshani, director-general of the Education Ministry, said when the decision was announced: "We are making serious efforts to push the students to high standards. The upcoming school year will be characterized by a number of new projects, all designed to support students who

Parents, teachers and guardians of Hebrew culture are challenging a plan to establish English-language schools, Allison Kaplan Sommer writes

have the potential to complete their education, but for various reasons fail. The English project is one of them."

The concept is bitterly opposed by the Hebrew-language establishment.

Nathan Efrati, director of the Hebrew Language Academy, said the academy had received numerous phone calls of angry protest from its members and the public, and that its president had already sent a letter of protest to the ministry.

"The decision turns the clock back to 1914, and the struggle for the dominance of the language of Hebrew, not just for street use but as a language for all purposes," he said. "There was a battle raging back then whether intellectual life should take place in Hebrew; it was argued that there weren't enough words in the language to merit academic use. This decision, made for no apparent reason, sends us back to the struggle for

THIS week's Shas-Meretz coalition tussle is inching the country closer to that critical moment when it will have to decide what it is, a Jewish democracy or a democracy with a majority of Jews.

Regardless of how Prime Minister Rabin finesse the latest "coalition crisis," the issue lurking behind Shas's demand to institutionalize the status quo won't go away. The question is basic: Who has primacy, the High Court of Justice or the rabbinic authorities?

Under the controversial amendment that Shas is fighting for, a legislative mechanism would be created to prevent the High Court from rolling back that body of legislation, municipal by-laws and other rulings on religious matters loosely known as the status quo.

The amendment has sparked strident comments from both Shas and Meretz. Shas spokesmen are saying that something is desperately needed to keep the country from sliding into the grasp of secularism, while Meretz leaders are warning that this amendment would be one giant leap towards theocracy.

That the question is coming to a head now, says Peter Medding, a professor of political science at the Hebrew University, is due largely to the increasing assertiveness of the main actors involved: the haredim, the activist elements among the secular population, and the High Court.

"You have haredi assertiveness on the one hand, and secular assertiveness on the other," he says. "Both are standing up for what they believe is right, for their particular vision of the state. This is not a question of a few million shekels here or there; these are fundamental values. For a long time we have been able to keep these issues out of politics, been able to muddle through somehow. But now the issues have gotten into the courts, and now you have a court that is willing to decide."

According to Medding, both the haredim and the secular feel they are losing ground. That the haredim should feel they are losing ground is indicative of the haredi parties' failure to leave a lasting religious imprint on the country. This, even though they held the balance of political power from 1977 to 1992, and even though they are still vigorously wooed by both Labor and the Likud, who are aware of the likelihood that in 1996 they will regain their position as kingmakers.

Despite the public perception that the haredi parties are calling the shots, the country is undergo-

key factor leading them to assert themselves in the political system, and to join the government in 1977 for the first time since 1951.

"In order to deal with the tremendous bargaining of institutions, and in order to keep more and more people out of the army [and in yeshivot], someone is going to have to pay the bill," Medding says. "In this country that someone is the state, and political power is the way to get to those funds. The haredim wanted political power to support their religious life-style, and that's what they got."

Unlike Friedman, however, Medding feels that in addition to securing funds for their own community, the haredi parties in their rise have also impacted heavily on the life of the average, secular Israeli. "The secular Israelis feel the haredi influence in the fact that El Al doesn't fly on Shabbat, that there is glatt kosher food at the Histadrut convention, that there is constant pressure to alter the 'Who is a Jew' amendment, that more and more products carry the *badatz* [Eda Haredit] hechsher, that large budgets are going to haredim, and that 25,000 guys are being kept out of the army."

Eliezer Don-Yehiya, a political science professor at Bar-Ilan University who coauthored two books on religion and politics, says that haredi influence impacting upon the secular Israeli in his daily life is more a product of demographics than political activism.

"This is a growing community and naturally the tendency for the community is to concentrate in certain areas - in Jerusalem, Bnei Brak. As the community grows, there are demands to close more streets for Shabbat," Don-Yehiya says. "As the neighborhood becomes more religious, the non-haredim move out. But this is not connected to politics. It is a function of demography."

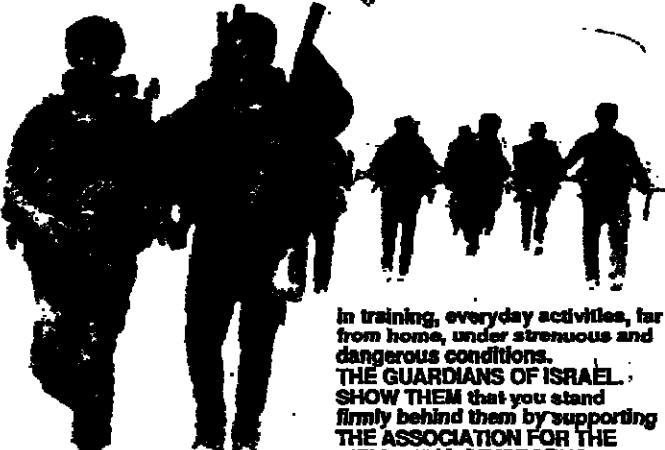
This "apartheid by choice," as Don-Yehiya calls it, has created a situation in which the haredi and secular populations are increasingly living apart from one another, thereby reducing friction.

Don-Yehiya says the haredi parties have learned the art of the possible and realize they cannot impose their way of life on an unwilling population. It is for this reason, he says, that during the days when the haredi parties held the balance of power, their efforts were directed toward obtaining funds to strengthen their communities, rather than passing aggressive new religious legislation that "the secular public would not swallow."



Prof. Peter Medding: The haredim and the secular feel they're losing ground. (K. Ben-Zion)

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EYE ON THE MEDIA

DAVID BAR-ILLAN

THE reason the media are hard on Israel and soft on the PLO, we are often told, is that the Palestinians are perceived as the underdog.

That the Arabs of this country (and of every Arab country) have been attacking and slaughtering Jews for hundreds of years, with no connection to Zionism or "occupied territories," is the kind of historical fact most reporters don't let get in the way of this perception. They prefer to believe they are on the side of the weak against the strong, the Palestinian David against the Israeli Goliath. It confirms their sense of mission.

The trouble with this flattering self-image is that it is belied by the media's treatment of Saudi Arabia. The almost total immunity to criticism the Saudis enjoy has no equivalent anywhere. Yet had the press been truly conscientious, the Saudi regime would have been an irresistible target.

A medieval tyranny, Saudi Arabia is run by a few thousand members of the royal family. Its religious intolerance would embarrass the Spanish Inquisition. Followers of any faith but Islam are forbidden to worship publicly. No Jews are allowed to live anywhere in the country, and only Jews who are special visitors can set foot on the land. Slavery, though officially abolished in the 1960s, is still practiced. When the monarchy was irritated by Yemen's support of Saddam Hussein during the Gulf war, it summarily deported 750,000 Yemeni workers and their families.

Women are treated as chattels. Public beatings, amputations and floggings are common. Enemies of the regime are arrested and executed. The regime foments wars — most recently the war between the Yemens — and it is the second largest contributor (after Iran) to fundamentalist terrorists in Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Jordan and in the administered territories. Foreigners who get into a dispute with a Saudi can find themselves in jail, subjected to flogging and prolonged incarceration, without recourse.

The Saudis are feverishly acquiring international media outlets. News agencies, newspapers, television networks and radio stations throughout the world are owned by the royal family. In Saudi Arabia itself, censorship which can only be described as medieval prevails. No reference can be made to the king or to any other royalty: the British royal family, the pre-revolutionary Egyptian king, the Spanish king, or even playing card kings must never be mentioned.

Iran may be an enemy (at least for the purpose of rationalizing huge arms purchases), but any mention of Iran as a terrorism-sponsoring state is prohibited. Nor can any reference be made to American presence in the Gulf zone. Nothing can be said about the Shia branch of Islam to which Iran and a large minority in Saudi Arabia belong. And, needless to say, innumerable pictures or cartoons are strictly forbidden.

("Human Rights Watch — Middle East," billed as "an international organization based in New York," which recently published a scathing report on "torture in Israeli jails," is headed by Aziz Abu-Hamad, formerly an attorney for the Saudi government. The media used the report for a long round of Israel bashing.)

It is one thing for governments to curry favor with this noxious tyranny. The Saudis are

wealthy, big-spending customers; particularly sought after by arms industries now struggling to keep afloat. But the crusading media? After all, the Saudis are not a Communist dictatorship waving the flag of progress and equality, bidding would-be world-saviors to fall into line for the sake of a better future. It is an unabashed, unadulterated Meanderthal monster, a throwback to the Dark Ages. Yet finding a journalist brave enough to write a negative word — let alone a whole critical story about the Saudis, is a job which would daunt Diogenes.

A case in point is the defection of Mohammed Khilewi, a high-ranking Saudi diplomat who sought political asylum in the US last month. Khilewi was first secretary at the Saudi mission to the UN — the number two in the delegation. He took with him over 13,000 documents which detail Saudi involvement in international terrorism, wiretapping of US citizens in America, support for the development of nuclear weapons by Iraq and Pakistan, and the corrupt use of Saudi funds deposited in the US. His appeal for asylum has yet to be accepted.

The story of his defection was carried by Reuters on June 1. The *Chicago Tribune* and the *Washington Times* carried it on the following days. The *Sunday Times* of London had it on June 10. But it was only on June 14 that the *New York Times* carried the story, followed by *The Wall Street Journal* on June 15. Readers of *The Washington Post* learned of the defection from an editorial on Saudi stability on June 23.

A second Saudi diplomat, vice-consul in Houston Ahmed Zahran, defected at the end of June. Although stationed in Texas, he asked for asylum in Britain because he suspected that the US was too cozy with the Saudis to consider his appeal favorably and guarantee his safety.

It is not difficult to imagine how the American press would have reacted had the US hesitated to give asylum to a defecting diplomat from, say, the Chilean regime under Pinochet, or the South African government during apartheid. The editorial pages would have been filled with cries of outrage and fury.

Or consider the following, from a report on the subject in *The Wall Street Journal* by correspondent Geraldine Brooks: "In 1992 the Bush administration filed an amicus brief with the Supreme Court siding with the Saudis against a US businessman who wanted the right to sue the Saudi government because he claimed he was tortured while working in Saudi Arabia. This year the Clinton administration withdrew its choice of ambassador to the kingdom, Edward Ghann, reportedly because of Saudi objections that he had spoken in favor of democracy in the Gulf region. The withdrawal was accompanied by an announcement of a \$6 billion sale of US aircraft to the kingdom."

The press will hardly report such news, let alone follow it up. Nor has it created havoc over this week's report that the Saudis helped fund Pakistan's and Saddam Hussein's nuclear program "as part of a secret 20-year campaign to acquire nuclear weapons.... The Saudi rulers had

given Saddam Hussein up to \$5 billion for his nuclear program." The press failed to react despite the fact that 500,000 American soldiers subsequently fought for Saudi Arabia against Saddam.

Nor has the press objected to the sale of super computers (which Israel was long denied) to these same Saudis.

Double standards? Perish the thought!

AND A SIMILAR CASE

An attack by politicians on hostile media personalities is so common that it is hardly newsworthy. But President Clinton's scathing assault on conservative commentator Rush Limbaugh has been an exception. For this time, instead of defending their colleague, members of the press have joined the president's campaign against him.

William Bennett, education secretary in the Reagan administration, tried to explain the phenomenon in a *Wall Street Journal* article last week. If any of the conservative presidents, Nixon, Reagan or Bush — had singled out a media nemesis for attack, the media would have pounced on the president, not on his target, says Bennett. But now, they are savaging Limbaugh instead. Some in the media are even considering licensing restrictions for radio and television stations, which would make it impossible to carry broadcasts like Limbaugh on the airwaves.

Bennett also cites a media watch group called FAIR (Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting) which accuses Limbaugh of inaccuracies. The group happened to be wrong in its charges, but that is not the point. As Bennett puts it, "It turns out that FAIR is a left-wing organization that has peddled misinformation in the past, including the myth that Super Bowl Sunday leads to wife abuse by football-watching husbands. And a number of the charges it has made about Mr. Limbaugh are false. As Mr. Limbaugh himself has documented, yet many in the media have not only accepted the FAIR claims at face value, but have given them widespread coverage."

What bothers Bennett, and should bother any one truly concerned about accuracy and fairness in the media, is that journalists treat criticism not according to its validity but its origin. A criticism is valid only if it comes from the "correct" political viewpoint.

To make his point, Bennett cites the case of the Media Research Center, which publishes a bi-weekly compilation of factual errors and misstatements by the media. "There are a lot of them. Yet these documented charges are routinely ignored or dismissed. In fact, the Media Research Center has been monitoring factual error for years — yet over the years its findings have received a fraction of the attention that FAIR has received in the past couple of weeks." What irritates the media about Limbaugh, says Bennett, is not alleged factual errors, or what he calls "lies of Limbaugh," but the fact that he threatens "their world view, their orthodoxy, their status."

To pro-Israeli media watchers all this seems painfully familiar. Nor is it unlikely that Limbaugh's outspoken sympathy for Israel and his expressed doubts about the wisdom of the agreement with the PLO have much to do with the rag with which his colleagues attack him.

A WORLD VIEW

ABBA EBAN

AN editorial in *The Jerusalem Post* on Tuesday, July 26, described the practical results of the first public Hussein-Rabin meeting as "meager." This grudging appraisal needs revision. On the White House lawn the previous day, the peace process crossed the line separating precarious fragility from the dawn of success.

With the Egyptian treaty firmly established, the Palestinian self-governing authority overcoming its initial disorder, and the state of war with Jordan canceled in a short regal proclamation, Israel is living in a world different from the one it knew before.

The pace of change is swifter than that which Israel experienced after the Sadat-Begin meeting on November 22, 1977. That unforgettable encounter was succeeded by a long period of deadlock and contention. No progress was recorded for 17 months, during which the state of war remained in force. At the end of that phase, Israel had renounced all of Sinai, leaving an ominous precedent for our Golan negotiations.

President Sadat and Prime Minister Begin had also laid the foundations of what an observer no less experienced than Henry Kissinger called the "embryo of a Palestine state." This heavy price was absorbed by the Israeli public, then in a consensual mood. The Labor opposition supported the bold initiative of the Begin government, in contrast to the turbulent opposition reaction to lesser sacrifices contained in the Washington Declaration of this week.

Syria is more likely to be drawn into the emerging regional order than to remain outside its magnetic field. Precedent and tradition encourage this hope. Syria has usually joined the general Arab current at a later stage than the others.

In the early months of 1949, three countries — Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon — signed armistice agreements which defined the regional and territorial structure for some decades. Syria adhered six months later in August 1949.

Henry Kissinger mediated a Disengagement Agreement with Egypt in January 1974. This prevented the renewal of hostilities in the Yom Kippur War. Syria signed a similar agreement on May 31 of that year. The lateness was calculated: Syria has to have its demonstration of reluctance. It is a part of its national temperament.

Damascus now has nowhere else to look if it wishes to avoid isolation. President Yeltsin's message to President Clinton after the joint Congressional session may not have been contrived to remind President Assad that his Soviet safety-belt is no longer available, but this was its real effect.

The next phases of the peace process will remind us of the intrinsic difficulties of negotiation in a multilateral context. All Arab states are constantly faced with an identity problem. Are they sovereign states reaching their decisions in terms of their separate geographies, social orientations and diverse power structures? Or are they a family bound to habits of solidarity and harmonious movement?

The truth is that they are both of these things at different times. In general, the federal tendencies

in Arab nationalism are weakening and individual decision-making is on the rise. Sadat's plunge into peace with Israel, Saddam's revolt against the West, Gaddafi's anarchic behavior and Jordan's defiant defense of Jordanian interests all give a picture of "each one for himself."

Yet there is a strong preference for common action if this does not interfere with national interest. Jordan will probably give time for Syria to join the peace momentum, but will not miss the opportunities offered by the Washington Declaration. It has missed too many opportunities in the past.

What is respectable in Arab terms is still defined by the Palestine issue. King Hussein could not have moved toward his present attitude toward Israel before the Oslo agreement and the establishment of the Palestinian self-governing authority. Hussein cannot now be reproached by Arafat, who himself signed commitments ahead of Jordan.

Hussein has not lagged behind peace possibilities. It would have been grotesque for him to have sought more contacts with a previous Israeli government from which he deduced that Israel would insist on keeping all the residents of the West Bank and Gaza under Israeli subjection. Hussein may not be Arafat's greatest admirer, but he is the last ruler who could afford to appear as a betrayer of the Palestine people. Nor is this his ideology.

Rabin and Peres have awarded Hussein a preferential position in responsibility for the Moslem holy places. This is sustained by traditional rights, but King Hussein will clearly need a Moslem rather than an Israeli mandate for the exercise of that right.

In July 1967, an Israeli government, in a communication to the UN, declared that "Israel does not claim exclusive rights or unilateral responsibility in the holy places of Islam." This was drafted by ministers Menachem Begin, Zerah Warhaftig and myself. Our unanimous Israeli refusal to envisage a secular division of our capital is reinforced, not weakened, by our readiness to accept the management of the holy places by those who hold them sacred.

In the next few formative years Israel will have to give more weight to diplomacy as one of the ultimate guarantors of its peace. One day, a national entity may exist sufficiently powerful, wealthy and secure to live without any reliance on external forces. It will then be able to dispense with diplomacy.

As yet, no such community has existed on earth, though some have aspired to that condition and others have been deluded into thinking that they have achieved it.

With all the lachrymose talk about Israel as the victim of world history, the truth is that no small state has ever been more in need of outside support or more successful in obtaining it. Anyone who doubted this would have a hard time naming another state which could ever hope to celebrate a day like that which Israel and Jordan marked together in the House of Congress on July 26, 1994.

Hebron, city of 'the Friend'

VIEW FROM NOV
MOSHE KOHN

AS recently as the 1950s, Hebron and vicinity had quite a few Jewish chicken farmers.

So Rabbi Abraham Feder of Jerusalem told me. He used to visit that region as an organizer for the Conservative movement's United Synagogue Youth.

I mean Hebron, Connecticut, not the original Hebron, Eretz Yisrael.

Hebron, Conn., was the childhood home of the mother of a girl who marked her becoming a bat mitzva on Saturday, July 9, at Jerusalem's Congregation Moshav Yisrael, which Feder serves as rabbi. The Torah portion was *Mattot-Massay*, which has two references related to the original Hebron. It mentions Caleb, chief of the tribe of Judah, who was given Hebron after the conquest. And it contains the commandment to set aside cities of refuge and of priests, one of which was Hebron.

In his sermon, Rabbi Feder remarked on "the irony" that Jews may go freely to Hebron, Conn., whereas the time may be near when Jews will not be able to go to Hebron, Eretz Yisrael.

CALEB was a man who dared. He and Joshua were among the 12 scouts Moses sent from Sinai to spy out the Promised Land. Ten said the conquest of the land was an impossible task, causing consternation among the people, who called for the replacement of Moses by a leader who would take them back to Egypt. Caleb and Joshua dared to issue an optimistic minority report.

And while on the mission, Caleb went to the Machpelah Cave (Tomb of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs) in Hebron, where he prayed for the strength to resist the defeatists.

What is more, the defeatists wanted to ignore Moses' instruction to bring back samples of the country's fruits. So Caleb drew his sword and challenged them, saying: "Either we bring back fruit, or you will have to kill me, or I will kill you."

We see the result on that famous emblem of our Tourism Ministry and Israel's second insignia: two scouts bearing a large cluster of grapes on a pole. Others brought pomegranates and figs.

A dire consequence of the scout episode was that the entire generation liberated from Egypt perished in the wilderness, except Joshua and Caleb. Joshua led the Jews into the Promised Land, and Caleb was one of the outstanding warriors of the conquest. Because of their courage and steadfastness, the two were allotted their lands by God, and did not have to participate in the general lottery.

(See Numbers 13-14; Deuteronomy

omy 1:36; Joshua 14:13-15, 19:49-50, 20:7, 21:10-13; Judges 1:20; *Shmot Rabba* 1:17; *Bemidbar Rabba* 16:14; *Sota* 34:35; *Bava Batra* 122a-b.)

Among Caleb's several wives was Moses' sister, Miriam. From this union eventually sprang the line of David, of which the Messiah will be a scion. Another wife was Pharaoh's daughter, Batya, who found the infant Moses hidden in the bulrushes, saved his life and raised him in the royal palace. Batya may be regarded as a Jew, because she renounced idolatry, and doing so is tantamount to accepting the entire Torah.

(See *Beresheet Rabba* 1:15; *Shmot Rabba* 1:17; *Vayikra Rabba* 1:3; *Sifre, Ish-Shalom* edition, 20b, 32a, 36a; *Sanhedrin* 19b; *Kiddushin* 40a; *Megilla* 13a.)

JEWISH HISTORY began in Hebron, when Abraham and Sarah settled there. From there, Abraham led the first "Jewish army" in a successful war against a federation of four kings who had taken his nephew Lot captive (Genesis 13-14).

After Saul and Jonathan died, David and his people settled in Hebron. There the tribe of Judah anointed him king, and there he established the United Kingdom of Israel, reigning in Hebron 7½ years before moving the capital to Jerusalem (II Samuel 2, 5, 11).

THE TANACH (Jewish Bible) and Midrashim are the soil in which grew the Koran, the *Hadith* (the Islamic equivalent of Judaism's "Oral Torah") — i.e. the Talmud and Midrashim, and basic Islamic legend. And Moslem, especially Arab Moslem, scripture is replete with Islam-orientated adaptations of biblical personalities and events.

Hence, Abraham/Ibrahim is not only the father of the Ishmaelites (Arabs), as the Torah says, but also the first Moslem. And the son he bound to the altar at God/Allah's command was Ishmael, not Isaac.

Here are three Islamic legends about Hebron, which Moslems call, "Khali" — i.e., the city of Allah's "friend," Ibrahim (a designation derived from Jewish sources).

Ibrahim bought the site of the Machpelah Cave from the local governor, Habrun, paying him in the presence of 40 witnesses. A dispute arose over the size of the area, and those 40 justified Ibrahim. Habrun had them killed by rolling them down a steep mountain (today known as Tel Ru-

meida, the site of an ancient Deir al Arba'at/Monastery of the Forty). Ibrahim buried them and mourned them 30 days.

Allah commanded Ibrahim to build a shrine in Mecca, on Mt. Moriah in Jerusalem, and in Hebron.

Later, when Mohammed banned wine, the founder of the Beduin Taimin clan in the Bethlehem region was on the road driving a mule carrying full wineskins. At the moment Mohammed was announcing the prohibition, Taimin's spirit moved him to rip open the wineskins and let the wine run out. For this, Mohammed awarded him Hebron.

(See Dr. Haim Schwarzbaum's article in *Sefer Hebron* edited by Oded Avissar, and *Yaldei Arav* by Yosef Meyuhah.)

In his introduction to *Sefer Hebron*, which was published after the 1967 Six Day War, David Ben-Gurion reviewed the city's history and said:

"We will be committing a monstrous error if we do not populate Hebron... with a steadily growing Jewish community with all due speed. That will also bring blessing to our Arab neighbors. Hebron is worthy of being sister to Jerusalem."

HEBRON, CONN. (where they call it "Heeb'ruun") is one of 15 towns by that name in as many states of the US listed in Moshe and Lottie Davis's *Land of Our Fathers*, the guide to their *Map of Biblical Names in America*.

One is in Texas, though I don't know how Texans pronounce it. But Texas also has a Palestine, whose Palestinians call it "Palesteeen."

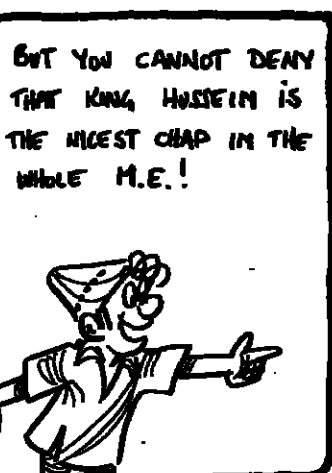
Prof. Davis's *America and the Holy Land* is to be reissued next year with a chapter on biblical place names and maps, and one on American settlements and institutions in Eretz Yisrael.

SIXTY-FIVE years ago this week on the Jewish calendar, Av 17-18, the weekend of the *Ekev* Torah reading (August 23-24, 1929), Arab gangs murdered 139 Jews throughout the country and wounded 339. Of these, 67 and 60 respectively were Hebronites, including 24 and 16 respectively at the branch of the Stobodka, Belarus, yeshiva that had been established there in 1924 under the name "Yeshivat Hebron."

On August 1, 1924 the following social-and-personal notice appeared in the Jerusalem-based *Palestine Weekly*:

"Rabbi Z. J. Grodzinsky, one of the directors of the famous Stobodka... religious institution, arrived in Jerusalem last Thursday in connection with the transfer of the *Yeshiva* to Hebron...."

SRULIK



Listen to the song of the Land and return

SHABBAT SHALOM

SHLOMO RISKIN

"For the Lord your God brings you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, and underground springs gushing out in valley and mountain. It is a land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates; a land of olive oil and honey; a land in which you shall eat bread without scarceness; you shall not lack anything in it. A land the stones of which are iron, and out of whose hills you will quarry brass." (Deut. 8:7-9)

THE eternal relationship between God and the Jewish people involves three covenants.

The first and most obvious is the eternity of the nation, which began with Abraham even before the birth of his son Isaac.

The second covenant is Torah, the eternal relationship between the descendants of Abraham and the wisdom of God in law and history, prose and poetry. This was made immediately following the Revelation at Sinai, after the Israelites declared: "We shall do, and we shall obey." The third covenant, much less known, is the unique relationship between the people of Israel and the Land of Israel.

Professor Yisrael Eldad, in his masterful work on the Bible, *He-gonot Hamikra* (Thoughts on the Bible), demonstrates how each of the Five Books embraces a specific relationship to the land.

In Genesis, the first command to Abraham deals with leaving one land and going up to the Promised Land. The Book ends with Joseph making the Israelites swear that his bones will be brought up to Israel.

Exodus is the journey from slavery to freedom, symbolized by the move from Egypt toward Israel. Leviticus deals with the Sanctuary, the laws of the priests and

sacred rituals, all bound up with Jerusalem.

The Book of Numbers, which deals with the Israelites in the desert, recounts the great sin of the Israelites in refusing to fight for the Land of Israel.

And Deuteronomy contains the promise of ultimate return, after all exiles: "The Lord thy God will once again gather you from among all the nations, where He scattered you. Even if you are scattered to the ends of the heavens, the Lord thy God will gather you up from there and He will take you back." (Deut. 30:2-4)

Three songs in the Bible correspond to the three covenants: the Song of Torah, *Ha'azinu* (Deut. 31:19ff); the Song of the Nation of Israel (Deut. 7:7-11); and the Song of the Land of Israel, quoted above (Deut. 8:7-9).

The late Ya'acov Hazan, a kibbutz movement pioneer who lived into his nineties, loved to tell of the time he apprenticed himself to a Polish farmer. From time to time, the farmer would bend down and cup his ear to the earth.

Asked to explain, he said he was listening to the song of the land. The young Hazan followed suit, but could hear nothing. The farmer said: "Yankel, it's not surprising. After all, this isn't your land."

When he finally arrived in Israel, Hazan claimed he actually could hear the song of the land.

What is it that we hear when we put our ears to the land? A unique song, one which only we, the Jewish people, can hear.

THIS WEEK'S portion, *Ekev*, speaks of the land in loving, glow-

ing language. The fruits are indeed special, the bread is necessary. But wouldn't it have made more sense for us to have been mining for gold and silver?

The answer to this question points to the heart of what we're doing in this land. Iron and brass are implements of labor, of agricultural tools. We take from the land in order to replant and harvest once again.

Remember that in other lands, the field is the sole domain of the farmer. Rare is the city person who feels himself part of the agricultural experience.

But in Israel, even the city dweller has an intimate relationship with the land because of his involvement — direct or indirect — with the laws of sanctity that relate to it: the tithes, the fruits of the first three years, the sabbatical year, the jubilee year.

The Jews are compared to land. Says the Tzemaht Tzedek: "You look at earth and see dirt; dig into it, and you'll find precious gold and oil. Similarly, even a Jew who appears a little crass masks spiritual treasure, if you only dig deeply enough into his soul."

Dig into the Torah as well, say our Sages. This week's portion tells us to plumb the depths of our land. Use the tools of iron and brass which you derive from the land, share your produce with the needy, give God His due and the land will serve as a most precious link with the Divine.

Moreover, when a Jew cups his ear to his ancestral plot, he hears the song of creation itself. If we count the number of times the word *eret* (land) appears in the Torah verses cited above, we

come up with six, paralleling the six days of creation. This idea is entrenched because the seventh time the word *eret* appears, it is in the context of the commandment to say Grace After Meals: "You shall eat, and be satisfied, and bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you" (Deut. 8:10), recalling the blessing of the seventh day of creation, when God rested.

Thus, the six "eret" days actually parallel the six days of creation, days when we work for our sustenance. This is most blessed when it emanates from our own toil, our own soil, our own homeland. And that homeland has an eternal relationship to its people. Reb Nahman of Bratslav may have been correct when he said: "Wherever a Jew travels, he's traveling to the Land of Israel." He is on his way home.

The song of the Land is unique, a gift from God as part of His eternal covenant. Listen, and return.

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Israel's salesman in North America makes his pitch

Giora Meyuhass has been implanting the country's new pro-business image in the minds of potential investors abroad. Sue Fishkoff reports

BUREAUCRATS, political appointees: take a back seat. Leave this job to a businessman. That was what the government did a year ago when it tapped Gadot Petrochemical Industries' Giora Meyuhass to run its Economic Mission for North America.

He is the first CEO of a major firm to fill the New York post, and his work promises to bear fruit.

"Our old image, of a very bureaucratic country, plagued by excessive government involvement in the business sector and political instability, is no longer true, but it still lingers in the minds of American business leaders," Meyuhass says.

"We've gone through great improvements recently, especially with increased privatization. My job is to bring that to the attention of the business community."

Beside improving the country's image as a good place to do business, Meyuhass says the mission also aims to enhance trade between Israel and North America, and encourage investment and the creation of joint ventures.

The government created the mission by combining the North American offices of the Finance Ministry and the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

The unification has enabled Meyuhass since August to streamline and coordinate operations at the six North American branches under his control.

In addition, the decision to appoint a businessman to head it signaled a new focus for government economic activity abroad. It also adds a corporate flavor to what has essentially been a political position.

Meyuhass was an appropriate choice for the new position of economic minister.

His business credentials are top-notch: under his leadership at Gadot since 1986, company sales grew from \$65

million to \$100 million annually; he was awarded the 1993 Israel Industry Prize for his managerial skills and his leadership role in the chemicals industry.

Just as relevant is the fact that his political and business philosophies are in line with current government policies.

"A true dove," as he describes himself, Meyuhass has for years been promoting the "invest, don't give charity" approach now so popular in Zionist circles.

"In my opinion, the Zionism of today is economic development," he says.

Five years ago, he brokered a revolutionary partnership between Haifa Municipality and the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Boston, by which the philanthropies earmark more than \$2 million of their \$15 million annual Operation Exodus campaign to fund four development projects in Haifa.

The Haifa-Boston partnership has since become a model for other North American Jewish communities in a process of "economic twinning" that Meyuhass believes should be encouraged.

One of Meyuhass's priorities is to more aggressively court multinational companies, which he believes could, with a little effort, be tempted to establish research-and-development centers in Israel that might blossom into subsidiary branches.

Many of these companies have traditionally avoided Israeli involvement because of regional instability, the Arab boycott, and the feeling that the Israeli market is too small.

The peace process will, Meyuhass tells prospective investors, bring political stability to the region "sooner than we think." The Arab boycott is no longer a serious deterrent, he believes.

"The companies see Israel in Oman, Qatar and Tunisia, they see Rabin in Jordan, they see Japanese companies falling over each other to come to Israel," he points out.



Giora Meyuhass: The Zionism of today is economic development.

And the economic cooperation that may result from the multilateral negotiations will create a market not of Israel's five million, but of the region's 200 million consumers.

Part of enhancing Israel's image as a good place to do business is improving the country's longstanding reputation for abrupt or lackadaisical service.

Since Meyuhass's appointment, the economic mission has hired a high-powered New York PR firm, Edelman's Public Relations, and representatives in the six regional offices have been hand-

ling out new brochures that tout Israel as a premier investment opportunity, highlighting what Meyuhass believes is the country's major asset: a highly skilled, intelligent, dependable workforce.

He believes that this factor is more of an inducement to foreign companies than any government incentives or free trade agreements.

Service is the byword in all dealings with foreign companies, Meyuhass emphasizes. It's not enough to rely on native Israeli hutzpa.

"We are creating a service-oriented

mission, so when an American company interested in doing business in Israel approaches us for information, it will receive the best service possible," he says.

Under his stewardship, the North American Economic Mission has aggressively organized visiting delegations of multinational companies interested in exploring the Israeli option. This, he stresses, is the mission's "target audience."

Three months ago, the top management of General Motors took a look at several proposed investment sites. In June, a delegation representing heavy-hitters from several organizations - including the KKR financial advisory firm, Salomon Bros., and Washington attorney Vernon Jordan - toured the country on a trip organized by Wall Street consultant Jim Wolfensohn.

The chairman of Westinghouse visited the following week; Baxter International was nosing around in mid-July; American Home Products has scheduled visit in the very near future; and Pfizer pharmaceuticals may send a delegation in October.

The mayor of Boston will lead a trade delegation to Israel on August 4, and the governor of Minnesota will return in November with many of the same business leaders that accompanied him on an exploratory visit in December. One of those visiting again will be Cargill, a Minnesota-based agricultural trading company which is already involved in several R&D projects in Israel and is considering establishing its own R&D center.

Although Israel is a traditional favorite for high-tech industries looking for foreign investment, Meyuhass is actively trying to encourage a wider diversity of business investment, particularly in the food and agricultural fields.

He points out that the Arab countries import more than \$20 billion a year in food products, between 60 and 80 percent of their total consumption.

With the advent of a regional Middle Eastern economic entity, Meyuhass believes this will present foreign companies with a huge, virtually untapped consumer market.

"This kind of activity could never have happened before [the peace process]," Meyuhass states, adding that few of these major companies are making any firm commitments until they see real results from the peace negotiations.

"All of them are checking it out. They're waiting to see what will develop politically, but they already see the potential."

An initial flurry of foreign business interest that followed the September 13 signing of the Declaration of Principles tapered off at the beginning of 1994, and declined further after the Hebron massacre in February.

Meyuhass says that from September through early spring, calls to his offices from interested American companies had doubled.

"Since Hebron, interest has stabilized somewhat, but it's still there. Even though it was the action of one fanatic, it had an effect that cannot be denied. But the overall process of moving forward is irreversible, and is continuing to develop more rapidly than we all anticipated."

Early this year, Meyuhass was asked to be the economic liaison for Builders for Peace, a consortium of American Jewish and Arab business leaders seeking to invest in joint ventures in Israel and in the territories.

As a government representative, Meyuhass is constrained from actually working with foreign companies that wish to invest in territories that will fall within the Palestinian autonomous zones.

"In a way, we encourage it, because it's in our interest that these regions develop economically," he says. "But we cannot be formally involved. This must be done by the Palestinian National Authority."

How does this former CEO enjoy his first foray into the government sector? Well, he says with a smile, he won't make a career out of it.

"I was ready to contribute what I could, because this is a real personal mission for me, but I'll probably return to my business when I finish here [in 1995]," he says. But the practice of government encouraging business leaders to enter public service temporarily and add their expertise is one that should be encouraged, he says.

"If businessmen and women would be willing to serve abroad for a year or two or three, it would be a very important thing for the country," he says. "This is done much more in the U.S., where the president calls upon business leaders for their expertise. We should do more of it too."

California nightmare: Sweatshops confound labor authorities

ALFREDO arrived from Mexico with a curiosity about medicine and aspirations of becoming a doctor some day.

Five years later, he is mired in the sweatshops of East Los Angeles, working Saturdays, Sundays and sometimes nights, stitching together maternity clothes for pennies per garment.

"They see the workers just as machines, not as humans," Alfredo said recently as he sat in a cramped basement office of his local garment union.

Alfredo, who didn't want his full name used, went there for help. For two months he had endured tirades from his boss and 15-minute meal breaks taken at his sewing machine. He watched the boss slash his per-piece pay as Alfredo picked up speed.

Then Alfredo asked for an explanation of his dwindling wages. The boss fired him.

Thousands of workers in California sweatshops have similar stories, toiling long hours for pay

well below the \$4.25-an-hour minimum wage.

The state's garment industry is considered the most vibrant in the country, but it is rife with companies that repeatedly flout labor laws in sophisticated ways. Federal and state officials try to keep up with them, but it's often a losing battle.

Adriana Meneses, a union organizer who counsels workers like Alfredo, said many sweatshops have whole strategies for cheating workers.

For instance, the boss will often wait to set a worker's per-piece wages until after the worker has been on the job for a few months, she said. That way, faster sewers don't make too much money.

Overtime pay, minimum wage and workers' compensation are all foreign concepts in sweatshops.

Government agencies try to police the shops with routine inspections and unannounced raids. But sweatshop operators keep coming up with brazen and intricate ways to break the law.

Government raids have failed to curtail excesses by scofflaw contractors, Ernest Sander writes

Often, a sweatshop will shut down after being caught, then show up at a different location under a different name.

Take the case of Nana Fashions Inc., alias B and O Inc., alias Tintan Sportsweat Inc.

During a routine visit to Nana last June, investigators stumbled across doctored payroll records, a sign that workers were being underpaid. But before the inspectors could dissect the bookkeeping, Nana disbanded.

Investigators moved on to other matters. Later, they stopped in at B and O and found the company operating with a license issued to Nana in 1991. The companies, it turned out, were run by the same family.

"It's a shell game," said state

deputy labor commissioner Howard Hernandez. He estimated the troika of companies - Nana, B and O and Tintan, another name used by the same group - owes at least \$250,000 in back wages and taxes.

A recent state study of 69 randomly selected garment factories found 50 percent did not pay the minimum wage, 68 percent didn't pay overtime, more than 90 percent had health and safety violations and 30 percent paid workers in cash.

And those were only the companies on file as paying state taxes.

Authorities say the bust is proof of new, shrewder labor enforcement.

Armed with better information, investigators can crack at an earlier

stage the type of multiple identity scheme run by Nana Fashions. Nonetheless, from San Diego to San Francisco, the sweatshop thrives.

"We're finding that too many of these contractors are coming back," said Rolene Otero, a district director with the US Department of Labor in Los Angeles.

The highly-touted raids give authorities some victories, but they are small ones.

California Labor Commissioner Vickie Bradshaw recounted a fairly typical raid at a South Central Los Angeles sweatshop, illustrating both the benefits and frustrations:

About 50 workers sat hunched over sewing machines, pumping out cotton T-shirts. At the sight of

labor inspectors, the shop's owner yelled in Spanish that immigration officials had come to take workers away. She told workers to run for the door. Some did.

Employees were being paid for only 40 of the 60 hours a week they worked, and even then at a rate of \$2.97 an hour. They had to buy their own thread.

The company kept no records. Officials surmised it owed workers several hundred thousand dollars in back wages, of which \$100,000 was later recovered.

Even with such successes, raids are of little value, contended Joe Rodriguez, executive director of the Garment Contractors Association of Southern California.

"They put out the little fires," he says, emphasizing that what's needed is more labor law education for contractors.

The state labor department says it is happy to provide the education. But it won't abandon the sweeps.

"Contractors used to think they could get away with violations,"

said state deputy labor commissioner Jose Millan. "They certainly don't feel that way now."

The federal government has taken a different tack.

Tired of being outwitted by the illegal contractors, the Labor Department has dusted off a decades-old federal law giving it power to intercept goods produced by scofflaw contractors before they are delivered to manufacturers.

State legislators, meanwhile, are considering a "joint liability" bill that would force clothing manufacturers to pony up fines when their contractors don't pay.

Some large garment makers like Z Cavaricci and Guess? - which hire dozens of small contractors to sew garments - have been stung by the new rules. Guess? paid more than \$500,000 in back wages to cover its contractors' wrongdoing. Z Cavaricci more than \$43,000.

Both companies agreed to monitor their contractors' records, but neither would agree to be interviewed. (Associated Press)

This is an official notice by the German Embassy concerning the elections to the Bundestag on October 16, 1994.

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CRUDE OIL (SEPT) EXPECTED TO RALLY ABOVE 22.00 \$/BARREL

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The value of intuition

SEEING movies about time travel makes me wonder what tiny incidents might have altered the course of history. Probably that is part of the make-up of chess players who are forever wondering what might have happened had they captured on e5 on move 15.

One incident I sometimes think about occurred at the 1980 Malta Olympiad. One beautiful member of the Polish women's team was being chased by two grandmasters: the youthful Garry Kasparov and Yasser Seirawan, who was once named "bachelor of the month" by *Cosmopolitan* magazine. Kasparov's Elo rating evidently didn't count for much and he was dismissed with the words: "You are only a chess player."

Half an hour later she was seen leaving the tournament hall arm-in-arm with his rival.

Since then Kasparov seems to have been making ever more frantic attempts to show he is far more than just a chess player. Having dabbled in politics (he wanted to sacrifice the Kuril Islands off Japan for financial compensation), he went on to form the Grandmasters' Association (GMA) before succumbing to it because it would not vote according to his wishes.

More recently, he formed the Professional Chess Association, a kind of GMA without votes.

Seeing himself as the last bastion of human intellect against the relentless march of the silicon chip, he has openly declared that he will be the last human chess champion.

Frankly I have my doubts about Kasparov's importance, especially on this last point, for how has the forklift truck affected the sport of weightlifting? Furthermore, there seems to be some exaggeration in the claims of computer specialists.

We keep hearing that in five or 10 years the best chess program will beat the human world champion, but these predictions are conveniently forgotten when they fail to materialize. Besides, the humans seem to be getting wise to the ins and outs of computer-bos-

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tile strategy. "Sacrifice a pawn," David Bronstein once advised me. "It throws out all their assessments!"

It does indeed seem that the brute calculations of the number-crunching machines cannot so easily replace human intuition. And we may come to recognize the value of intuition more than did, for example, the best-game judges of the Teplitz-Schoenau 1922 tournament. In his *My Best Games Of Chess, 1905-1930*, Savielly Tartakover makes the following observation:

"The judges awarded this game the third brilliancy prize, although a majority of them declared in peremptory fashion that such sacrifices are incalculable in advance in all their ramifications and that, in consequence, they deserve no encouragement."

Maroczy, G - Tartakover, S
Dutch Defense

1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.a3 Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 d5 7.Ne3 e6 8.0-0 Ne4 9.Qc2 Bb6 10.b3 Nd7 11.Bb2 Rf6 12.Rxf6 Rb6 13.g3 Qf6 14.Bf1 g5 15.Rad1

Maroczy's play is too leisurely; he should play the immediate 15.Bg2 followed by Nd2-f1.

15...g4 16.Nxe4

The immediate 16.Nd2 allows 16...Nxf2 17.Kxf2 Rxf2+ 18.Bg2 Bxf2+, so this preliminary exchange is necessary.

16...f4 17.Nd2

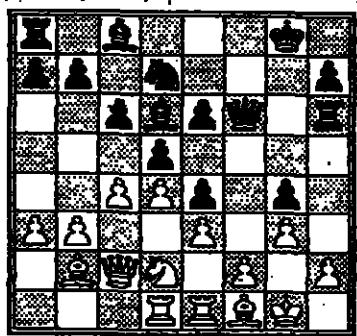
Given a couple of moves, White will render his kingside virtually impregnable with 18.Bg2 followed by 19.Nf1. But Tartakover has prepared an immediate strike (see diagram).

17...Rxf2! 18.Kxf2 Qxf2+ 19.Kh1!

If 19.Bg2 Black continues, as in the game, with 19...Nf6! What makes this game so impressive is the fact that Black, a rook down, calmly brings his remaining forces into play. No machine

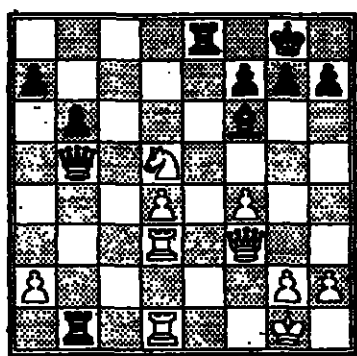
can play like this.
19...Nf6! 20.Re2 Qxg3 21.Nb1 Nh5 22.Qd2 Bd7! 23.Rf2 Qh4+ 24.Kg1 Bg3! 25.Bc3 Bxf2+ 26.Qx2 g3 27.Qg2 Rf8 28.Be1 Rxf1+!

The second wave of the attack.



29.Kxf1 e5 30.Kg1
Heading for the hills with 30.Kf2 is also insufficient on account of 30...Bg4+ 31.Kd2 Qh2! 32.Qxh2 gxf2. 30...Bg4 31.Bxg3 Nxf3 32.Re1 Nf5! 33.Qf2 Qg5 34.dxe5 Bf3+ 35.Kf1 Ng3+ 0-1

THIS WEEK'S problem is from a 1972 vintage encounter between Vladimir Tukmakov (White) and Eduard Gufeld. Black to play and win (solution beneath diagram).



Solution: Gufeld won with 1...Bxd4+! 2.Kf1 (2.Rxd4 Re1+ 3.Kf2 Rf1+ wins the queen) 2...Re3! 0-1. After 3.Nxe3 there is 3...Qxd3+.



Aerial acrobatics: Swallows spend most of their waking lives in motion, even eating and drinking in mid-flight. This barn swallow takes off vertically. (Hasselblad)

A swirl of swallows

NATURE

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

YOU see them in the summer sky, swooping, circling, performing aerial acrobatics with virtuoso skill.

But unless you get a glimpse of a swallow or a martin clinging to a sheer wall while tending its nest, you may never see one that is not in motion.

Birds of the *Hirundinidae* family spend most of their waking lives in motion. These little insect-eating birds, including swallows and martins, catch their food in the air.

There are 75 species in this family, all originating in the Ethiopian and Oriental regions, but some migrate to Europe.

Here, there are four genera composed of six species. Principal among them is the swallow, *Hirundo rustica* (*smurdi* in Hebrew). These birds arrive in the spring and breed mostly in the Jordan Valley and around Rosh Pina.

They used to breed along the Coastal Plain, but widespread use of insecticides decimated their colonies. In recent years there have been reports of renewed breeding in Western Galilee and even a few pairs in Ramat Aviv.

Birds of this family are slender, with a body length of 20 to 23 cm. In all species the plumage ranges from metallic black to russet, and there is little visual difference between the sexes. The legs are short and suited to clinging or perching, but not to walking. The talons are sharp and useful in clinging to cliffs and build-

ings. The wings are exceptionally strong and the very muscular body feels like a coiled steel spring sheathed in velvety feathers.

The nest of a swallow or martin is a thing of wonder, usually built of mud made from earth collected in the beak and mixed with saliva.

Nests are either a basket-shaped quarter sphere attached to a wall in a protected corner, as in the case of the swallow and the pale crag martin, or else a more elaborate domed structure, sometimes with a small entrance lobby such as those built by the red-rumped swallow.

Their eggs are elongated, three to six in number, and are incubated for about 13 to 15 days. Both parents feed the chicks, although the female does most of the incubating.

The nestlings remain in the nest for about four weeks. Their diet is a variety of flying insects caught in mid-flight with open mouth. Most species also drink in flight, dipping down over water with open mouth.

Other birds of this family here are the red-rumped swallow, *Hirundo daurica*, the sand martin or bank swallow, *Riparia riparia*, the pale crag martin, *Pyronoprogne obsoleta*, the crag martin, *Pyronoprogne rupestris*, and the common house martin, *Delichon urbica*.

All of these birds can be seen in the summer skies in different parts of the country. It's easy to understand why the collective for a flight of these birds is, in English, "a swirl of swallows."

Star player who is on a roll

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

North		East	
♠ J42		♠ Q1065	
♥ 1043		♥ 9752	
♦ AKJ2		♦ Q10	
♣ J86		♣ A42	

South		West	
♠ K963		♠ KJ86	
♥ AQ		♥ 8754	
♦ 963		♦ 975	
♣ KQ103			

South West North East
JNT pass JNT (all pass)

Opening lead: ♥6

ONE of the most promising stars in the world of bridge is Migry Tzur of Tel Aviv. Not only is Tzur a brilliant player and consistent winner, she is also a charismatic and charming person away from the table, rare qualities in a bridge champion.

In the past year, Tzur has chalked up an amazing record. Last summer she was on the winning Israeli Maccabi team (together with David Forber of Jerusalem and Aviram Yoram, Zohar Tur and Ruthie and Rami Porat, all of Tel Aviv), which defeated a strong international field. She then went on to win the Israeli National Mixed Pairs with Moti Gelbard; the Tel Aviv Mixed Pairs with Yoram; the National Ladies Pairs with Ruthie Porat; and the National Mixed Teams with Yoram, Moshe Katz of Tel Aviv, and Ruthie Lieberman of Ra'anana.

Oh, and did I forget to mention that Tzur is quite modest as well? It was like pulling teeth to get from her a successful hand for this column, but finally she showed me this week's three-notrump contract, in which she was South.

There is a generalization that men make about women bridge players: They are timid in bidding and are not good card readers in the play. Tzur is either the exception to this rule or strong evidence to the contrary. The bidding was very aggressive, as Tzur opened a rather light one notrump, and her partner raised to game. The play was more remarkable.

West led the six of hearts, which went around to the queen. Tzur attacked clubs and East won the ace and returned the deuce of hearts, indicating that the suit was probably dividing 4-4. It was important for declarer to get a count on the hand, as her future plays in spades and diamonds depended on her reading of the distribution. Tzur cashed her clubs, and on the fourth round she noted that West began to squirm. He was obviously not happy about discarding one of his heart honors,

BRIDGE

MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

and did not want to part with a diamond either. When he threw the seven of spades, Tzur was confident the diamonds were not dividing 3-3, otherwise West would have had an easy time discarding in diamonds. So instead of going after diamond tricks, she led a low spade from her hand, and was rewarded for her good card reading when West won the now singleton ace. Tzur's play of a low spade was the sign of a champion, for very few players can read so much into the thoughts of a defender.

At this point West cashed his two heart tricks and exited with a diamond. When dummy won the ace, Tzur noted that East followed with the 10. Now a spade was led to the king and a diamond toward the dummy. The entire contract hinged on declarer guessing the location of the diamond queen.

There are many ways to guess a queen. The scientific approach is to determine who has the greater length in the suit and play that opponent for the queen. For example, on this hand, Tzur knew that West started with four diamonds and East with two. It was,

therefore, two to one odds that West held the queen.

Another way of locating a queen is through psychology. One of the best in this department was Helen Sobel, of America. It was rumored that Sobel knew by female instinct where the queens were. Someone once claimed that Sobel tricked her opponents into revealing the queen. When she had to make a guess, she would lift her skirt slightly and reveal some leg. Whoever did not look was the opponent assumed to have the queen. One of my friends from America told me that Sobel could never guess a queen against him, because he always looked.

Tzur, no doubt, could apply any of the above methods. On this occasion, our Israeli star found another way: play on the tendencies of your opponents. She knew that her left-hand opponent was quite capable of keeping four small diamonds to stop dummy's diamond suit. But, more important, she also knew that her right-hand opponent was not the sort to give count in the diamond suit by playing the 10 from 10 doubleton on the first round. Therefore, she backed her judgment by going up with the king of diamonds and dropped the queen, scoring her game contract.

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Not against roughing up an opponent (10)
- An overhead light (4)
- Mixes drink to raise funds (6,4)
- An alto composition lacking an established key (6)
- Have a cigarette and look happier (5,2)
- Sort of map to study on a journey (7)
- Scot returns to services in Scotland (5)
- It takes me only an instant to write a short note (4)
- Boast about dress (4)
- Being the boss I interrupt the cook (5)
- Snow shoes accepted by some backward Arctic people (7)
- Initiator of enterprise needs one in support (7)
- Islander comes out of a trance (6)
- Hardcastle is converted in religious places (10)
- Stage favourite's come-back (4)
- Wholesome belief I can spread around (10)

DOWN

- When abroad we show common sense (4)
- Some British submarines set up and spring a trap (6)
- Ended series, having exceeded time allowed (7)
- Country rain storm (4)
- Crime of corrupt senator (7)
- Not a starter in the ocean race (4,6)
- Jovial acknowledgment of a bad standard (5,5)
- A poor reason for limping? (4,6)
- He won't get the sack if the bag's big enough (10)
- Courses for non-drivers? (5)
- Move stealthily like an American Indian, quietly (5)
- It may be smoked and eaten with butter (4-3)
- Natural cover in the Garden of Eden? (3-4)
- Corrosive sort of acid from a unit rich in chemicals (6)
- American leaving Euston for school (4)
- Turn pale—possibly being guilty (4)

SOLUTIONS

ACROSS: 1 Lucky, 4 Brink, 10 Glimmer, 11 Drive, 12 Theme, 13 Frighten, 15 Note, 17 Fresh, 19 Stash, 22 Mate, 25 Disease, 27 Actor, 28 Tutor, 30 Johnson, 31 Strong, 32 Gull.

DOWN: 2 Unite, 3 Kristina, 5 Radi, 6 Knight, 7 Agate, 8 Ditch, 9 Chase, 14 Rest, 16 Omen, 18 Euston, 20 Theatrical, 21 Death, 23 Angel, 24 Grand, 26 Apron, 29 Thrill.

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Horse's head-harness (6)
- Dulcet (5)
- Additional (5)
- Huge (7)
- Long-continuing (7)
- Catalogue (4)
- Cut (3)
- Fortress (4)
- Compensate (4)
- Jewel (3)
- Cupid (4)
- Ty (7)
- Lethal (5)
- Swail (5)
- Evaded (5)

DOWN

- Rupture (7)
- Meantime (7)
- Eradication (8)
- Identical (4)
- Boredom (5)
- Pact (6)
- Steal (5)
- Prodigal (8)
- Restricted (7)
- Against (5)
- Perhaps (5)
- Impassive (5)
- Happen (5)
- Chaste (4)

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Illustrations by Fernando showing various scenes of people playing cards and socializing.

Is She shall have music wherever she goes

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One woman's dream has brought together celebrated Israeli musicians for 10 chamber music festivals at Kibbutz Kfar Blum, Suzanne Glass writes

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Open rehearsals have always been part of the Kfar Blum Chamber Music Festival. (Fotobank/Modia)

It all started in biblical times when a shepherd played his flute in the Naftali mountains in Galilee.

A couple of thousand years later an Israeli concert pianist by the name of Idith Zvi decided to follow the shepherd's lead. Music and Galilee, she decided, are a good duo. Kfar Blum, Kol Yisrael and the Upper Galilee Regional Council make it a quintet.

But it all began pianissimo. Zvi was playing at a chamber music festival in Marlboro, Vermont, when inspiration struck. "I thought anything they can do, we can do just as well. But I was young and inexperienced. I did nothing about it for ages and when I started to look for a venue 10 years ago, everyone said, 'Dream on, Idith. It will never work.'"

Ten successful Kfar Blum Chamber Music Festivals later, the tall, gray-haired woman with the determined chin stands in front of the main auditorium and contemplates her dream.

In one hand she holds a mobile

phone, in the other she waves around a rehearsal sheet as she calls to her assistant. "Yes, all the concerts are sold out. They're rehearsing Brahms in room 2, Kodaly in room 3, Mozart in room 5. Yes, I want to be at all of them. Lunch? No, I don't have time. There is nothing adagio about this tempo."

IF YOU stand very still, amidst the green of Kibbutz Kfar Blum, you can hear the strains of violins mingling with the song of the turtle dove, the cellos blending in with the chirping of the sparrow.

Some of the most celebrated Israeli musicians are rehearsing. Most have come from abroad, together with a handful of European and American musicians, for two weeks of rigorous rehearsal and recital. How much are they paid for their efforts? Precisely nothing.

So why bother?

"We do it," says Erez Ofer, concertmaster of the Bavarian Radio Orchestra, "because it is the

only time we can be together, making music together. This festival has become a tradition. It is a privilege to be invited here. It makes me feel very Israeli."

LOOKING AT the musicians' feet during a string quartet rehearsal reveals a concerted effort to prove they're not only Israeli, but also "kibbutzniky." All four are wearing awful brown sandals

and scruffy shorts. It is as if they're saying, "Look, I know we have left the country, but we really are Israeli. Honestly."

It seems strange to be listening to world-class musicians practicing in a kibbutz schoolroom, but open rehearsals have been part of the festival's concept from the start. You don't just attend slick evening performances by musicians in black-and-white garb, you see mu-

sic in the making. Atar Arad, one of Israel's most famous violists and now professor of music at Indiana University, Bloomington, laughs and says: "Last year, in one of the rehearsals some old chap shouted out, 'Hey guys, slow down, you've got your tempo all wrong.' It was a hutzpa, but rather endearing at the same time."

And this year, an old man at the back of a stuffy, neon-lit room,

stood up and started to conduct. Another, noticing the heads of perspiration on the musicians' foreheads, called out, "It's baking in here. Bring the poor men a fan." The musicians broke off their rehearsal of Schubert's Quartet in A Major in agreement.

Contact with musicians is not limited to rehearsals. I find myself sitting next to Gil Sharon, principal violinist with Maastricht's Limburg Orchestra, in the guest-house dining room. I meet Benjamin Frith, British pianist and winner of the 1989 Arthur Rubinstein Competition - who refused a well-paid Finnish Festival to be here - pushing his three little blond kids around the kibbutz in a playpen on wheels. And in the pool I swim right into renowned trombonist Roy Crimmins, founder of the Israel Jazz Ensemble. "This festival is one of the most wonderful musical experiences I have had - a holistic experience. I'm here with the wife and kids and I'm honored. It's the first time they've had jazz at the festival - and they asked me," says Crimmins before swimming off.

THE NEXT time I meet Roy Crimmins, he is playing the jazziest of jazz with his orchestra in the kibbutz club room.

"We want to play you a little number written by our drummer - 'Polaroid Pictures.' I don't know why he called it that, and I don't suppose he knows either."

And while they play "Polaroid

Pictures," Israel Television takes pictures. The festival is generating an enormous amount of media interest, due both to its 10th anniversary, and to the program becoming more visible.

THE AUDIENCE, sitting under the trees, are a diverse group. This week, 15,000 guests have passed through the kibbutz: kibbutzniks from the region, old faithfuls who've not missed one of the annual festivals, and Tel Aviv north Tel Aviv yuppies, here to be seen as much as to see.

And when the first stars come out at night, so too do the Guitars and the Chandel handbags. After a performance of Mozart's String Quartet in C Major the rumors start to circulate.

"Did you hear Idith Zvi is going up?" whispers a blonde to a trombonist.

"Don't be ridiculous," says the trombonist. "She's never had it so good."

But Zvi, cornered backstage, confirms the rumors. "I want to leave now. I've reached a crescendo. The pressure to make it better and better every year is just too great."

A member of the Galilee Regional Council insists the show will go on next year, with or without Zvi. He's sure there are plenty of people who can organize music festivals as well as Zvi.

Wishful thinking, perhaps. Idith Zvi is not just any old conductor.

Father of the bride

GRAPEVINE

GREER FAY CASHMAN

SEVERAL status-conscious celebrities have asked Yisrael Meir Lau to do the honors at their weddings, because he happens to be the Ashkenazi chief rabbi. But when Shiri Lau put in a request, she was addressing not only the chief rabbi, but her father. Shiri, a 21-year-old teacher, last week married 24-year-old yeshiva student Ariel Shwartz, the son of Prof. Naftali Shwartz and his wife Haya. Among the 2,500 relatives and friends who witnessed the ceremony, and attended the lavish reception at Gan Oranin, were numerous couples whom Rabbi Lau has joined in wedlock.

Heading the list of dignitaries were President Ezer Weizman and his wife Renana, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and his wife Lea, Chief IDF Chaplain Gad Navon, Likud chairman Benjamin Netanyahu, past and present cabinet ministers and MKs, Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo, Na'amat secretary-general Ofra Freedman, former attorney-general Yosef Harish, singer Dudu Fisher and real-estate tycoon Alfred Aklav.

AFTER MUCH deliberation, Haifa University rector Prof. Aliza Shenhar last Friday said a definite "da" to Foreign Minister Shimon Peres's invitation to serve as envoy to Russia. When Shenhar's recommendation by Police and Energy Minister Moshe Shaleh was made public earlier this month, there was a hue and cry in the Foreign Ministry, where seasoned diplomats objected that so sensitive a post be given to a political appointee rather than to a professional. Shenhar's predecessor, the late Haim Bar-Lev, was also a political appointee.

Peres had previously offered the ambassadorship to historian Prof. Anita Shapira, ex-wife of Justice Minister David Liba'i. Shapira, though flattered, said "nyer" because she was busy completing a book on Yigal-Alon.

FOR ALMOST all of its full term, it was one of the most publicized pregnancies in the country. It came to a happy conclusion over the weekend when former beauty queen and international fashion model Nicole Halperin delivered a healthy 2.95 kg girl. Proud father and wealthy businessman Roni Mane assisted at the birth of Yaffi.

NOT SURPRISINGLY, the *lingua franca* at the opening in Jerusalem this week of the Italian restaurant Angelo was Italian. From both the babble and the overflow in the street, it seemed that most of the city's Italian community had been invited. Non-Italians discovered that there's a lot more to Italian cuisine than pizza and pasta. Former Washingtonian Lori Rosenkrantz, an active partner in the venture with Angelo Di Segai, who immigrated from Rome less than a year ago, operated a catering service in the US.

UTAH PHILANTHROPIST Jack David Solomon footed the bill for the restoration of Jerusalem's Zion Gate and the surrounding plaza in honor of his father Alexander Chaim Solomon. The elder Solomon, who was a member of the Zion Mule Corps in the Jewish Legion, joined General Allenby's triumphant entry into Jerusalem in 1917, when British forces defeated the Turks.

Two local Jewish Legionnaires the senior Solomon met while in service remained lifelong friends: David Ben-Gurion and Yitzhak Ben-Zvi. A generous benefactor

Shiri Lau: Didn't have any problem finding a rabbi for the wedding. (Sivan Rong)

to the Jerusalem Foundation, Jack David Solomon financed the Zion Gate's restoration approximately a decade ago, but rededicated the project this week in the presence of relatives and friends.

WORDSMITHS, INCLUDING the most illustrious of Israel's literati, got together this week to provide emotional and financial sustenance for celebrated poet David Avidan, who has fallen on hard times. Luminaries such as Bats Guri, Dahlia Rabikovich and Natan Zach gathered at Tzavta in Tel Aviv to read Avidan's works. Avidan, who has just been released from hospital, where he was being treated *inter alia* for stress, was present but not overly impressed by the public tribute. It didn't move him emotionally, he said, but it did excite his curiosity. Money-wise, Arts Minister Shmuel Aloni set the ball rolling with a NIS 10,000 ministerial contribution.

PRIME MINISTER Rabin stumbled badly over one of his prepared speeches in Washington, and was much more effective in his spontaneous remarks. Could it have been a Freudian slip when, addressing Congress, he said: "...we find shade under the same fig leaf"? He immediately corrected himself by saying "fig tree."

QUEEN NOOR's jewelry collection was enhanced this week by a gold pendant featuring two diamond-eyed doves carrying an olive branch. The pendant was presented to the queen by Lea Rabin, who also had a gift of jewelry for America's first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton - a pair of drop earrings scrolled in white and yellow gold.

RABIN MAY have had an ulterior motive in deciding to take Yehoram Gason to Washington. The Jerusalem-born singer, who is a member of the Jerusalem City Council, chose as his opening song at a cocktail reception for some 1,000 American Jewish leaders *Me'at Pigeat Har Hatzofim* ("From the Summit of Mount Scopus"). The lyrics of the song testify to Jerusalem's centrality in Jewish thought, and one particular line - "I will not move from here" - is as political a statement as anyone could wish.

THE RABIN-Hussein meeting also served as a fitting passage into retirement for highly respected 67-year-old newsmen Eliezer Rana. Rana had the plum post of ITV Washington correspondent, a fine way to crown a broadcasting career that spanned well over four decades.

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